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75% rise in fake notes post DeMo

₹28.1 crore FICN seized in 2017, it was ₹15.9 crore in 2016

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Fake currency continued to remain in circulation in a big way in the country even after demonetisation.

The value of fake Indian currency notes seized in 2017 was estimated to be at ₹28.1 crore, clocking a significant 76.5 per cent increase from 2016, when ₹15.9 crore worth of counterfeit currency was seized by law enforcement agencies, according to the latest data released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) for 2017.

As per the data, almost ₹14.98 crore, more than half of the total value of money seized, was in the form of ₹2,000 notes, which were introduced in November 2016 after Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the demonetisation of ₹500 and ₹1,000 currency notes.

A total of 3,55,994 notes worth ₹28,10,19,294 were seized under Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN) during 2017. As per the NCRB data, in 2017, cancelled ₹1,000 notes were printed as FICN, reflecting in seizure of ₹6.57 crore such notes.

Similarly ₹5.14 crore worth of cancelled ₹500 notes were seized from fake currency printers. In 2017, new ₹500 fake currency were printed for value of ₹44.39 lakh. The new 200 and 100 notes were also printed by fake currency operators. As per the registered



cases across the country in 2017, ₹17.7 lakh fake notes in the denomination of ₹200 notes and ₹83,000 fake notes in the denomination of ₹100 notes were seized.

Most of the old ₹1,000 and ₹500 fake notes were found by the banks when people tried to exchange it through banks soon after demonetisation. The latest NCRB data shows that the fake currency operators are engaged in ₹2,000 note printing.

Majority of the fake note cases were registered in Gujarat

in terms of the value. More than ₹9 crore valued fake notes were seized from Gujarat, followed by Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh.

The NCRB data of 2017, released on Tuesday evening shows that biggest populated State Uttar Pradesh topped in the registration of FIRs. UP is followed by Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala and Delhi. Overall, 30,62,579 cases were registered across the country in 2017, up from 29,75,711 in 2016 and

29,49,400 in 2015, according to the annual data which was released last night after a delay of more than one year.

NATIONAL CRIME RECORDS BUREAU

- Overall, 30,62,579 cases were registered across the country in 2017, up from 29,75,711 in 2016, according to the latest data released by the National Crime Records Bureau for 2017
- UP, also the most populous state, registered 3,10,084 cases during the year and had the highest share of 10.1 per cent in the country
- Maharashtra, which accounted for 9.4 per cent of crime in the country, registered 2,88,879 FIRs in 2017
- Certain States like UP and Delhi have provided citizen-friendly service of online registration of FIR under certain category of offences like "vehicle theft" and "other thefts". "This may have increased the crime reporting under such heads in these states," NCRB said

29,49,400 in 2015, according to the annual data which was released last night after a delay of more than one year.

Uttar Pradesh also the most populous State, registered 3,10,084 cases during the year and had the highest share of 10.1 per cent in the country, it stated. The data showed an upward trend for straight third year in UP, which had recorded 2,82,171 cases in 2016 and 2,41,920 in 2015.

Maharashtra, which accounted for 9.4 per cent of crime in the country, registered 2,88,879 FIRs in 2017 while it was 2,61,714 in 2016 and 2,75,414 in 2015, according to the NCRB. Madhya Pradesh registered 2,69,512 FIRs in 2017 and accounted for 8.8 per cent overall cases. It had lodged 2,68,614 cases in 2015 and 2,64,418 in 2016.

The NCRB said certain States like UP and Delhi have provided citizen-friendly ser-

vice of online registration of FIR under certain category of offences like "vehicle theft" and "other thefts".

"As this may have increased the crime reporting under such heads in these States, they become statistically non-comparable with other States not having such online registration facility," it added.

Fourth on the list was Kerala which registered 2,35,846 cases, while Delhi followed it closely with 2,32,066 cases, it stated. Bihar, which had 1,80,573 cases in 2017 and 5.9 per cent share in crimes, stood sixth on the list, while West Bengal was seventh with 1,63,999 cases and 5.4 per cent share, the data stated.

The NCRB, under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, is responsible for collecting and analysing crime data as defined by the Indian Penal Code and special and local laws in the country.

In Net-free Valley, ultras connect via Bridgefy app

Offline messenger works within 100m

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Amid Internet restrictions in Jammu & Kashmir post-abrogation of Article 370, the terror groups have found out a way to circumvent the curbs by using a mobile application Bridgefy to facilitate communication with their cadre.

The app is effective within a radius of 100 metres and can operate without Wi-Fi or Internet service. The app uses Bluetooth function to enhance the range of the message. Through the app, all kinds of data, including audios, videos and texts, can be transferred, officials said.

The app was extensively used by the anti-China protesters in Hong Kong, making it difficult for Beijing to contain the movement. According to reports, there has been an increase of 4,000 per cent in usage of the app in Hong Kong in the last two months.

While the mode of communication through the app becomes a little circuitous due to the network range limitation, it has given a way out to terror networks to spread messages emanating from the handlers of Pakistan Army-ISI combine.

The app has the potential to put a limitation on the surveillance and monitoring capacities of the security agen-



JCO martyred in Pak BAT strike in Rajouri

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

A Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO) of the Indian Army attained martyrdom in a daring strike by the Border Action Team (BAT) of the Pakistan Army, comprising hardened terrorists and elite commandos of Special Services Group (SSG), in Kalal area of Nowshera sector in Rajouri district in the afternoon on Tuesday.

According to ground reports, "Heavily armed BAT team breached the LoC and entered approximately 400-

500 inside the Indian territory and targeted one of the forward posts in which one JCO succumbed to his injuries."

Before one of the forward Indian posts was targeted, mysterious blast took place in the same area, officials said.

However, Indian Army authorities did not confirm the reports till the time of filing the report. Local police officers said they received independent reports claiming heavily armed terrorists, supported by regulars of the Pakistan Army infiltrated into the Indian territory and targeted one of the forward posts."

cies that are already facing hassles in gathering technical intelligence (Techint) as the telecom networks in the Valley

are operating with varying degrees of restrictions in different districts of the State.



Japan's Emperor Naruhito, left, and Empress Masako, right, host the court banquet, in Tokyo on Tuesday. Japan's Naruhito proclaimed himself Emperor during an enthronement ceremony at the Imperial Palace, declaring himself the country's 126th monarch

CAPSULE

PM MODI, ABHIJIT HOLD EXTENSIVE INTERACTION
New Delhi: Nobel laureate Abhijit Banerjee on Tuesday called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and held a "healthy and extensive" interaction on various subjects.

ED ARRESTS CLOSE AIDE OF IQBAL MIRCHI
Mumbai: The Enforcement Directorate has arrested a close aide of late gangster Iqbal Mirchi in connection with a money laundering case, officials said on Tuesday.

GOVT SHOULD PAY \$20 'JAZIA TAX': CONGRESS
New Delhi: Labelling the \$20 service fee proposed by Pakistan for each Kartarpur pilgrim as "jazia tax", Congress leader Manish Tewari said on Tuesday that the BJP Government should bear the cost as a Sikh devotee paying for the visit to the gurudwara goes against the grain of "khule darshan".

ASHOK MALIK APPOINTED POLICY ADVISER IN MEA
New Delhi: Ashok Malik, former press secretary to the president, has been appointed policy adviser in the Ministry of External Affairs with the rank of additional secretary, an order by the Department of Personnel and Training said on Tuesday. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Malik.

Singh is king(maker) in Canadian politics

Jagmeet Singh-led NDP in reckoning as Trudeau poised to form minority Govt

PTI ■ OTTAWA

Indian-origin Canadian Jagmeet Singh-led New Democratic Party (NDP), which won 24 seats in the general election, is likely to emerge as the "kingmaker" where Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberal Party held onto power in a nail-biting poll, albeit as a weakened minority Government.

In the just-concluded Canadian general election, the results of which were declared on Tuesday, the Liberal Party bagged 157 seats, the Opposition Conservative 121, Bloc Quebecois 32, NDP 24, Green Party 3 and one Independent.

Trudeau would now require at least 13 legislators from his left-leaning rival parties to reach the "magic number" of 170 to form a Liberal Party-led minority Government in the 338-seat House of Commons.



"The New Democratic Party is poised to play king-maker in a minority parliament after Jagmeet Singh spear-headed a turnaround on the federal campaign trail that may have saved his leadership and pulled his party from the brink of irrelevance," the Toronto Star newspaper reported.

With 24 seats in its kitty, the NDP has lost nearly 50 per cent of the seats it had won in 2015. The party, led by Thomas Mulcair, had won 44 seats, becoming the third-largest party in the House of Commons in 2015.

Despite the drop in seats, Singh in a celebratory speech on Tuesday said his party will now be "working hard" to deliver on the "priorities that Canadians have".

Infosys shares tank 17% on 'unethical practices' claims

Nilekani pledges thorough probe

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Shares of IT services firm Infosys on Tuesday plummeted nearly 17 per cent, wiping ₹53,451 crore from its market valuation, on concerns over a whistleblower complaint which alleged that two top executives of the company were indulging in unethical practices to increase short-term revenue and profits.

The scrip tanked 16.21 per cent to close at ₹643.30 on the BSE. During the day, it tumbled 16.86 per cent to ₹638.30, the most since April 2013.

On the National Stock Exchange (NSE), it plunged 16.65 per cent to close at ₹640. The sharp fall in the scrip wiped out ₹53,450.92 crore from the company's market valuation which now stands at ₹2,76,300.08 crore.

It was the worst-hit among the frontline companies on both Sensex and Nifty. In terms of traded volume, 117.70 lakh shares of the company were traded on the BSE and over 9 crore shares on the NSE.



Infosys on Tuesday said it is investigating claims by anonymous whistleblowers accusing CEO Salil Parekh of "unethical practices" to shore up profits through irregular accounting, sending its shares to their worst intra-day fall in over six years.

Infosys chairman and co-founder Nandan Nilekani pledged a full probe, saying the complaint had been placed before the audit committee on October 10 and before the non-executive members of the board the next day.

Nilekani, in his statement on Tuesday, said the company was made aware of another letter (dated October 3) that was purportedly written to the Office of Whistleblower protection programme,

Washington DC. This letter referred to the September 20, 2019, complaint, and to emails and voice recordings in support of the allegations.

"These complaints are being dealt with in an objective manner. The undated whistleblower complaint largely deals with allegations relating to the CEO's international travel to the US and Mumbai," Nilekani pointed out.

The audit committee began consultation with independent internal auditors EY, and has retained law firm Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. To conduct an independent investigation, Nilekani noted in his statement to the stock exchanges.

Meanwhile, mounting troubles for Infosys, US-based Rosen Law Firm has said it is preparing a class action lawsuit to recover losses suffered by Infosys investors.

In a statement, Rosen Law Firm said it is "investigating potential securities claims on behalf of shareholders of Infosys Ltd resulting from allegations that Infosys may have issued materially misleading business information to the investing public".

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Delhi's 9 choked roads to go bottleneck-free

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday announced that Delhi's nine most congested roads will be widened, beautified and re-designed on the lines of European street model.

The idea to unravel the ₹393.94 crore project is to provide Delhiites with green ambience and "zero" traffic hurdles while travelling/driving on the roads across the national Capital, said officials.

The Pioneer in December 2018 had reported about the Delhi Government's initiative to decongest Capital's most congested roads.

The Chief Minister said if the pilot project of redesigning these nine stretches is successful, then all other roads under PWD's jurisdiction will be

redesigned on the same lines.

The city Government also claimed the project was first planned in 2015 and a creative team was set up, but the project was scrapped due to objections by the Lieutenant Governor. "After the creative team was disbanded in 2016, and members resigned from the PWD, then the Government engaged private consultants for re-designing and streetscaping of these nine PWD roads," said the official.

The stretches include Ring Road from Mayapuri to Moti Bagh Junction, Satguru Ram Singh (Road No. 36) Marg from Mayapuri Chowk to SD Public School, Britannia Chowk to Outer Ring Road, West Enclave, Pritampur, Road No 41 and 41-A from Wazirpur Depot Crossing (NSP) to Rithala Metro Station,



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal addresses a Press conference in New Delhi on Tuesday
Ranjana Dimri | Pioneer

AHMS to Ashram Chowk, Ambedkar Nagar to Defence Colony Flyover, Nigam Bodhi Ghat to Magazine Road Crossing.

"There is heavy traffic congestion on the bottleneck roads

of the city. Wide roads in Delhi turn into a narrow lane after a few miles, and then back into a wide road after a few miles, which create a bottleneck situation and heavy traffic at some locations. Our priority

will be to remove these bottlenecks first, for a smooth flow of traffic and an organised lane system," said Kejriwal.

The other roads whose streetscaping will be done include Sewadham Road from Road No 63 to UP Border Delhi and Shivdasputri Marg and Patel Road (from Moti Nagar T-Point to Pusa Road about) and the 2.3 kilometres Narwana Road Mother Dairy to Punch Mahal Niwas.

"There is no proper planning or mapping involved in the construction of roads as of now. They will be measured and planned spaces for vehicles, non-motorised vehicles, footpaths, and side-lanes will be made. Footpaths will be widely mapped to an average of 10 feet for the convenience of the peddlers," Kejriwal added.

India has never been offensive: Rajnath on Pak Min remark

PNS/PTI ■ NEW DELHI/ISLAMABAD

India on Tuesday did not fall into Pakistan's trap despite its provocation by firing at civilian habitations in Poonch and Rajouri even as Islamabad was facilitating a guided tour of envoys and mediapersons to some areas of Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK) across the Line of Control (LoC). Ironically, it was Islamabad itself which had requested New Delhi to hold fire in view of the envoys' visit.

The Indian Army showed extreme restraint by not retaliating forcefully and playing into the hands of Pakistan that wanted to portray India as the aggressor.

At least, two civilians were injured in mortar shelling by the Pakistan Army in Balakote area of Rajouri on Monday morning. The local authorities also rushed children attending

schools in the border area to safety.

In this backdrop of tension between the two countries, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, while responding to questions on Pakistan Railways Minister Sheikh Rasheed Ahmed threat to use nuclear weapons after terror camps were destroyed in POK areas opposite Tangdhar on Sunday, said India has never been offensive. "We have never invaded anyone nor has India annexed an inch of territory from anyone." However, he added that Indian armed forces are fully capable of giving a befitting reply to any evil designs against the country.

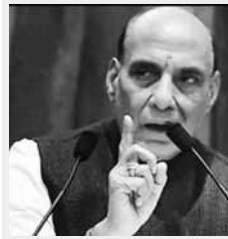
Giving details of the sequence of events regarding latest ceasefire violations by Pakistan, officials said here, Pakistan through established channels on Monday requested India to refrain from firing as diplomatic community and

journalists were to be conducted to a guided tour.

The visit was planned to show the international community about India's claims of destroying some terror launch pads in punitive strikes on Sunday in Tangdhar in North Kashmir.

Army chief General Bipin Rawat said on Sunday six to ten Pakistan Army personnel were killed and three terror camps destroyed in a retaliatory action by the Indian Army opposite the Tangdhar and Keran sectors in Jammu & Kashmir. He also said another terror camp was severely damaged in the action by the Indian forces and the retaliation had caused substantial harm to the terror infrastructure across the LoC.

Nearly 22 diplomats besides scores of journalists and social media professionals were to be taken to the area, officials



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said. However, Pakistan went back on its word on ceasefire violations and targeted civilian hamlets leaving several school children stranded.

Officials said the action from across the border was obviously to incite India to retaliate and show New Delhi in poor light.

Meanwhile, Pakistan on Tuesday said Indian officials did not join a handful of foreign diplomats visiting the sectors along the LoC, where the Indian Army destroyed

three terror camps. Pakistan Foreign Office spokesman Mohammad Faisal said diplomats from various foreign mission in Islamabad were visiting Jura and Shahkot sectors opposite Tangdhar where the terror camps were flattened by the Indian artillery fire.

It was in retaliation to killing of two Indian soldiers and a civilian on Sunday when the Pakistan Army tried to push in militants by giving them covering fire. "The Indian

side has not joined us in the visit to the LoC neither have they provided coordinates of the alleged 'launch pads'," Faisal tweeted.

He said "claims by Indian Army chief remain just that: 'claims'." Faisal is also accompanying the diplomatic corps to the LoC. The numbers and nationalities of the foreign diplomats visiting the LoC was not shared.

Pakistan military on Sunday said India is welcome to take any foreign diplomat or media to the site of alleged terror camps to "prove" its claim on the ground. Director General (DG) army's media wing Major General Asif Ghafoor said, "What good Indian High Commission is which can't stand with its Army Chief? Indian High Commission staff didn't have the moral courage to accompany fellow diplomats in Pakistan to the LoC," he said.

7th pay commission benefits for J&K, Ladakh Govt employees from Oct 31

New Delhi: In the run up to the creation of Union Territories on October 31, the Centre on Tuesday implemented the 7th Pay Commission to the Government employees of Jammu & Kashmir, and Ladakh.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has approved the proposal of payment of all 7th CPC allowances to the Government employees of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and Union Territory of Ladakh, which shall come into existence from October 31, an official statement said.

The move will benefit 4.5 Lakh Government employees who are working in the existing State of Jammu & Kashmir and will become the employ-

ees of UT of Jammu & Kashmir and UT of Ladakh from October 31, it said.

The annual financial implication of 7th CPC allowances like children education allowance, hostel allowance, transport allowance, LTC, fixed medical allowance, etc. In respect of 4.5 lakh Government employees of existing State of Jammu & Kashmir will be around ₹4,800 crore.

Of the total ₹4,800 crore, a modest ₹607 crore will be for children education allowance, ₹1,823 crore for hostel allowance, ₹1,200 crore for transport allowance, ₹1,000 crore for leave travel concession (LTC), ₹108 crore for fixed medical Allowance and ₹62 crore for other allowances. **PNS**

CONG NATIONWIDE STIR AGAINST MODI GOVT

Protest not cancelled but postponed: Party spokesperson

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With the exit polls predicting yet another poll debate, tongues are wagging within the Congress circles as to why the scheduled countrywide 10-day mass protest this month against the Modi Government on economic issues did not take off.

The party had officially announced a month ago to undertake a massive protest between October 15 and 25 at all levels which was to have the participation of party chief Sonia Gandhi, her predecessor Rahul Gandhi, former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and top party leaders.

AICC insiders pointed to the possibility of the protest being 'sabotaged' by a section of leaders midway during the poll campaign for Assembly elections in Haryana and Maharashtra. Sources also said that Sonia and party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi were kept off the campaign in both the States presuming the party's poor performance in both the States where the ruling BJP is slated to retain power.

When asked about what happened to the 10-day protest, a spokesman of

the grand old party requesting not to be named said it has not been cancelled but postponed and will be taken up after the festive season is over in northern India. "Priyankaji is already working towards leading from the front in Uttar Pradesh and the new schedules would be announced very soon," said the spokesman.

However sources in the party said that a section of party leaders discouraged the high command to go ahead with the planned protest conveying that the time was not appropriate as the nationwide protest could divert the gains of total from Assembly campaigns in Haryana and Maharashtra.

Congress had announced to hold the massive agitations across the country from October 15 to October 25 against the Government's policies that have allegedly led to an "economic slowdown". The decision was taken at a meeting chaired by Sonia Gandhi at the AICC headquarters on September 12. The meeting was also attended by Manmohan Singh, AICC general secretaries and in-charges of various states and Congress Legislative Party leaders, among others.

Naidu for detailed Legislative Impact Assessment for informed law making

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on Tuesday advocated detailed Legislative Impact Assessment (LIA) bringing out social, economic, environmental and institutional impacts of legislative proposals for informed law making in the country. Naidu, in his capacity as Chairman of Rajya Sabha said that it would be useful to indicate such impact assessment in the legislative proposals for wider dissemination among all the stakeholders.

Naidu elaborated on the need for such impact assessment while referring to legislative process in the country during his address to 151 officials who have recently joined the Rajya Sabha Secretariat. It is for the first time that Rajya Sabha Chairman has interacted with new recruits on joining the Secretariat. Desh Deepak Verma, Rajya Sabha Secretary General, was present on the occasion.

Naidu said that inter-ministerial consultations are held before the Cabinet considers and approves legislative proposals but the scope for undertaking and indicating the impact of such proposals is limited in the present context. "Informed legislation will help in realising the stated objects of various laws



and this requires a detailed impact assessment of legislation at the stages of both pre-legislation and post-legislation. An account of pre-legislative impact assessment could be included either in the Bill or as an Annexure to the Bill," said the RS chairman.

Referring to Legislative Impact Assessment being undertaken by some OECD countries to good effect, Naidu said, "As the largest and vibrant democracy of the world, it is time that we do take a serious look at such impact assessment for ensuring more informed legislation. I am, hence, making this proposal for wider discussion and consideration by all the stakeholders."

During his interaction, Naidu suggested that the new recruits should take pride in the job as a source of motivation, pursue extensive study of the socio-political processes of the country and the issues being addressed by Parliament from time to time, acquire deep knowledge of the Constitution, understand Rules of Business of the House, be innovative and creative to make work more rewarding, move out of silos and to be aligned with the larger vision and objectives of the organisation and treat workplace as home.

Centre relaxes gift policy for employees, hikes monetary limits

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Central Government has increased the monetary limits for accepting gifts for all its employees, relaxing the ceiling by more than three-fold, officials said on Tuesday.

All officials under Groups 'A' and 'B' categories shall not accept any gift without the sanction of the Government if the value exceeds ₹5,000, they said, citing recently amended rules. The limit to accept gifts for these groups of employees was ₹1,500 earlier.

Similarly, Group 'C' employees will be able to accept gifts up to ₹2,000 instead of ₹500 without taking Government approval.

Government employees under Group 'A' are senior offi-

cials. Government employees under Group 'B' could either be gazetted or non-gazetted officials. Most clerical posts and multi-tasking staff fall under Group 'C'.

Officials said the ceiling limits were revised to bring them on par with those for the three all India services — Indian Administrative Service, Indian Police Service and Indian Forest Service.

Gifts include free transport, boarding, lodging or other pecuniary advantage when provided by any person other than a near relative or personal friend having no official dealings with the Government servant. A casual meal, lift or other social hospitality is not considered a gift, according to existing rules.

Health Min: Govt will soon achieve goal of Universal Immunization

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Government will soon achieve its goal of Universal Immunization of children, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said on Tuesday as he noted that at present, up to 90 per cent



of children in India are being given free immunization. India's Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) is the largest in the world.

The Minister was briefing the media here in the run-up to the Government's celebration of the Pulse Polio Immunization Programme's Silver Jubilee, which will be held on the 31st of this month.

The Minister said that, in the early 90s, India saw over two lakh cases of polio annually, but, after the polio eradication programme was launched in 1994, India attained polio-free status over the course of the next two decades due to concentrated efforts and collaboration of the Government, international partners, civil society, health workers and millions of volunteers. The Minister further added that the best practices and

the systems established by the Pulse Polio programme have benefitted other health programs, viz. the community mobilization, logistics management, reaching the last mile or setting up a surveillance system.

The learnings from Pulse Polio programme have helped implementation of other immunization programme i.e. the Mission Indradhanush (MI) and the Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI).

The Universal Immunization (UIP) basket of vaccines has expanded to cover 12 Vaccine Preventable Diseases (VPDs) from the earlier 7. Since 2014, five new vaccines have been introduced in UIP, which includes Rotavirus vaccine, Japanese encephalitis vaccine for adults, Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine (IPV), Measles Rubella vaccine (MR) and, Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) in a phased manner.

As of today, "Mission Indradhanush and related drives have successfully reached out to and vaccinated 3.39 crore children and 87.2 Lakh pregnant women in India."

SC to hear pending cases on linking Aadhaar with social media

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday transferred to itself all cases related to the linkage of social media profiles with Aadhaar pending in different high courts and also asked the Centre to submit its report in January to check social media misuse.

A bench of justices Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose, while allowing the transfer petition of Facebook, asked the registry to place all connected matters before the chief justice of India for listing before an appropriate bench in last week of January 2020.

The top court also asked the Centre to submit its report in January on the notification of rules by which social media misuse can be checked and liability could be fastened on intermediaries to decrypt messages.

The bench's order came after Attorney General K K Venugopal, appearing for Tamil Nadu, dropped his opposition to Facebook's plea seeking transfer of all cases pending in different high courts to the apex court.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, clarified that it is not a ploy to breach the privacy of individuals but it is an attempt to protect national security and sovereignty.

The attorney general then intervened and said a terrorist cannot claim his right to privacy. Mehta also rubbished the claim



of some petitioners, who alleged that the draft rule under consideration of the Government, which would enable authorities to fasten liability on intermediaries to trace the originator of a particular message or a content, is Government's ploy to "trample individual's privacy".

On Monday, the Centre had told the court that internet has emerged as a potent tool to cause "unimaginable disruption" to democratic polity, and sought three more months for finalising and notifying the rules that would regulate the functioning of social media intermediaries in the country.

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) had told the top court that though technology had led to economic growth and societal development, there was also an exponential rise in hate speech, fake news and anti-national activities.

The court had taken the affidavit on record after counsel representing the Centre said the government had sought three months' time for finalisation of the Information Technology Intermediaries Guidelines (Amendment) Rules, 2018.



Karnataka Congress MP KC Ramamurthy joins Bharatiya Janata Party in the presence of party working president JP Nadda, at BJP headquarters in New Delhi on Tuesday

Need to increase agri share in GDP to 50%: Agri Min

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on Tuesday said there is a need to increase the share of farm sector in the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to 50 per cent from the current 14 per cent and stressed on balanced use of fertilisers to protect soil health as well as boost crop yields. Tomar also urged farmers not to burn crop residues as it affects solid health and leads to air pollution. He asked them to take advantage of various Government programmes to deal with stubble burning.

Addressing a conference for awareness of fertiliser applications among farmers, Tomar said the share of agriculture in



the country's GDP is currently 14 per cent, but this is not enough. "Can we increase this to 50 per cent of our GDP?" he added.

Tomar said the productivity and production of all kharif (summer-sown) and rabi (winter-sown) can be enhanced substantially through proper use of fertilisers in right quantity and as per the soil conditions. The balanced use of fertilisers would also boost farm-

ers' income, he added.

"We have also been focusing on soil health and already distributed 8 crore soil health cards to farmers," he said.

The Minister told farmers that excessive use of fertilisers would destroy agriculture fields. He also spoke about the need for more usage of micro-nutrients to improve soil health.

Tomar highlighted that the Centre has fixed the minimum support price (MSP) of crops at least 1.5 times of production cost and is also providing ₹6,000 per year to around 14 crore farmers under the PM-Kisan scheme. He said about 8 crore farmers have already got benefit under the ₹87,000 crore PM-Kisan scheme.

ASCI orders removal of 299 misleading ads

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The promos of web series 'Chernobyl' and Sanjay Leela Bhansali's movie 'Malaal' on print, electronic and social media were found misleading and violating the advertisement norms. Similarly, an advertisement featuring actress Deepika Padukone and Ranvir Singh promoting a product was found misleading.

The advertisement claims "100 Days Diabetes Healer" by Rathira Ayurveda and Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital and Medical Research Institute advertisement claiming to overcome Parkinson was not substantiated with proof. Taking note of these false and misleading adverts, the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI), a regulatory body, has issued directions for

removal of content of 299 adverts from print, television, Twitter and YouTube.

According to the ASCI findings, the promo of 'Chernobyl' showing a bloodied hand and a patient with the bloodied face related to nuclear energy during the live streaming of cricket was found violating the advertisement norms. Similarly, promo of the "Malaal" movie features the rider (male) and the pillion rider (female) on a two wheeler without helmets violating the traffic rules, shows dangerous practices, and manifests a disregard for safety.

The regulatory body also found the YouTube Channel video introduces the advertisement communication as "Wondering why you're so tired all the time? Watch how to take the #RiseUpChallenge by Horlicks Protein +".

"The video refers to complaints of "chronic tiredness" by participants of the Rise Up challenge, which is not necessarily linked to muscle strength alone. Such tiredness could be due to other health conditions such as loss of muscle mass, de-conditioning, nutritional deficiencies, oxygen delivery and anaemia. "Rise Up challenge" is to check ability to move which is linked to many factors mentioned above as well as neurological normalcy, balancing apparatus in the brain etc. Muscle strength is one of the outcome factors of the Rise Up challenge; connecting this as a direct "screening test" for "chronic tiredness" by the advertiser was considered to be incorrect," the ASCI said in its ruling.

In TV and YouTube advertisement of Lloyd AC, the advertise-

ment featuring actress Deepika Padukone and actor Ranvir Singh claims "18 degree Celsius in 45 seconds" was found misleading.

The television advertisement's claim, "Jab Challenge Ban Jaaye Tagda, toh Mamuli Nahi Tagda Energy Drink, Rasna Insta Ener-G," "Ye de real tagadi Energy, kyunki dusro ke mukable sirf Rasna Insta mei hai Real Fruit Powder, 21 Vitamin, Minerals our Glucose ki tagadi shakti" were not substantiated. The pack visual indicated that the advertised product has 90 gm of sugar per 100 gm and has only 0.5 gm Glucose, an ingredient known to provide "instant energy".

The advertisement creates an impression that Rasna Insta EnerG gives more instant energy than glucose powder or Instant drink as the

Boy Cadet rejects these products but gets instantly energised and keeps running for more than 19 rounds after consumption of the advertised product. The claim of instant energy was not substantiated with composition / FSSAI licence / pack art-work or samples, nor evidence of the ingredients present for the real fruit powder claim; also no comparison to show superiority over other generic glucose products was provided.

Bansal Classes Pvt Ltd print advertisement's claim, "The Leader" was not substantiated with verifiable comparative data of the advertiser's classes and other similar classes, to prove that they are superior than all the rest in providing coaching for the courses claimed, or through an independent third-party validation.

Low pressure areas form over Bay of Bengal: IMD

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Due to formation of low pressure areas over South West and Bay of Bengal and strengthening of northeast monsoon further, the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) predicts fairly widespread rainfall over the next four to five days in many parts of South India. The IMD also withdrawn the 'red alert' issued on Monday for seven of 14 districts of Kerala.

According to the IMD, the low pressure area over southwest and adjoining west central Bay of Bengal would intensify in the next 24 hours and move north-northwestwards. This is even as a persisting low-pressure area over the East-Central Arabian Sea awaits further

traction to intensify a round to become 'well-marked', before further strengthening as a monsoon depression by Wednesday.

The IMD has persisted with an outlook for the system to North-North-East over East-Central Arabian Sea (towards the Konkani Mumbai coast) till Thursday, and then re-curve West-North-West (towards Oman-Yemen) with gradual intensification. Unlike the four-month southwest monsoon which accounts for over 75% of India's annual rainfall, showers during the northeast monsoon season is limited to southern peninsula. It provides rainfall to Tamil Nadu, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Rayalseema, Kerala and south-interior Karnataka during October to December.

Governor, Minister interact with disease-hit Supebeda residents

STAFF REPORTER ■
GARIYABAND

Governor Anusuiya Uike accompanied by state health minister TS Singhdeo visited Supebeda -the village infamous for deaths due to chronic kidney disease (CKD)- and interacted with villagers on Tuesday.

"People of this village have been facing problems caused by kidney disease for long. Along with state government, now I also take the responsibility for solving this problem. Any affected person can directly contact me along with the state health minister," she said while addressing the villagers and shared her contact details.

The Governor assured residents of village that they will receive free treatment not only at DKS Super Speciality Hospital, Raipur but also at AIIMS Raipur. The food and lodging facility for family members of the patients will



be also provided free of cost, she added.

The Governor directed

the district administration to appoint Vaidehi Kshetrapal and Lakshmi Sonwani -who

had lost their husbands due to kidney troubles- on daily wages. She also assured them

that their loan related problems will be also taken care of. "Blood required for the

treatment of kidney related problem will be provided free of cost from Red Cross society's blood bank. If required blood could be taken from Satya Sai Sanjeevni hospital," the Governor stated.

She directed the authorities to quickly start the water filter plant in village, establish blood bank and upgrade community health centre to civil hospital.

Health Minister Singhdeo informed the governor that ₹10.84 crore has been sanctioned for a bridge at Tel River. Likewise, Rs 14 crore has also been sanctioned for water filter plant.

Singhdeo further informed that a doctor has already taken charge at community health centre Devbhog who will ensure smooth functioning of dialysis unit. Team of doctors from AIIMS will also keep on visiting the village and a generator will be set up for ensuring continuous power supply to filter plants, he added.

Farm loan waiver was only for once: Baghel

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Tuesday clarified that the farm loan waiver in the state was a one-time benefit and the farmers would not get the facility again.

He was talking to media persons here at Swami Vivekanand Airport while proceeding for Bokaro in Jharkhand. Replying to a query about statement of Minister Kawsai Lakhma on farm loan waiver the chief minister backed his statement and said this year they are not going to waive off the farm loan.

The Chief Minister commenting on statement of Minister Amarjeet Bhagat regarding e-tendering informed that the state government decided to go for manual tendering in Bastar region in a bid to facilitate local youth there.



Baghel also criticised opposition BJP for its 'Gandhi Yatra'. "If they are true followers of Mahatma then they should raise the slogan against his assassin Nathuram Godse," he said.

Panel to decide on release of detained tribals on fake cases

STAFF REPORTER ■
RAIPUR

The committee constituted by Government of Chhattisgarh under Justice A.K. Patnaik, a retired judge of the Supreme Court, will hold its maiden sitting in Raipur on October 30 and 31. The panel will look into around 23,000 cases registered against tribals in the state.

As per information, panel will look into the case of over 16,475 tribal

accused by police in various cases and another 6,743 being held as undertrials, most in Bijapur, Sukma and Bastar districts.

The panel will look into each case as per its terms of reference. Based on the recommendations of panel, state government will finally decide the matter.

During the state general assembly election 2018, the Congress had made the promise in Naxal affected tribal areas, to

review all the cases against tribal and those lodged in jails. As a step to fulfil the promises, the government constituted the special review committee in March 2019. Additional to the chairman, the other members are Advocate General or Deputy Advocate General, Additional Chief Secretary of Home department, Tribal welfare department secretary, Director General Jail (Naxal Operation incharge), Director

General of Police and Bastar division Commissioner.

Recently, at Dantewada, activist and social worker Soni Sori led demonstrations of tribal seeking release of tribal lodged in jails as per the promise made by the state government. The ruling party MLAs had to intervene to stop the demonstrations and the agitators were assured that soon the hearing would commence.

Min inspects Kisan Bazaar site



STAFF REPORTER ■
RAIPUR

Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources Ravindra Choubey on Tuesday inspected the site earmarked for Kisan

Bazaar at Krishi Upaj Mandi premises in state capital.

Official sources informed that he gave necessary instructions to the officials to expedite the

construction work and also sought suggestions for utilization of other vacant space there.

Notably, the Kisan Bazaar is being developed by the state government in

a bid to provide market to the farmers of the state at one place. The produce of farmers would be made available at this Kisan Bazaar for sale in better price. The consumers could directly purchase the agriculture products here and thus the farmers would be benefitted.

Vegetables and fruits would also be available for direct sale from the farmers at a single shed here, sources informed.

Meanwhile, while inspecting the site, the minister also instructed the concerned officials to prepare a detailed work plan for utilization of an additional vacant space there.

Senior officials of

Mandi Board and agriculture department were present on this occasion.

Gandhian thoughts are culture of life: Bhagat



STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Culture, Food and civil supplies minister Amarjeet Bhagat said Gandhian thoughts are culture of life for all.

"He gave lesson of truth and

non-violence that is why it revolves around us. That is why it had relevance, it has relevance and it will have relevance. Gandhiji was a true social reformer, writer and thinker," he said.

Bhagat was speaking at the inaugural session of three-day national seminar on 'Hindi Sahitya aur Gandhivaad' at Pt Ravishankar Shukla University auditorium on Tuesday.

The seminar will conclude

on October 24. The Minister released a special edition of 'Chhattisgarh Mitra' magazine and photo-exhibition. Research papers and articles written on Gandhian thoughts will be read out. Educationists and experts will also give lectures on Gandhian thoughts.

Minister further said Government of Chhattisgarh organised two-day special session to mark 150th birth anniversary of Gandhiji. Several countries have adopted his thoughts and ideology. He had used Hindi as a language to link the whole country irrespective of the food habits, rituals, dresses, religion, social evils and others.

Pt RSU Vice Chancellor K C Verma said Hindi language can link each other and university is organising several programmes on Gandhian thoughts. He said university had granted around 17 PhDs for study on Gandhiji.

No re-polling in Chitrakot: CEO

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Chief Electoral Officer, Chhattisgarh Subrat Sahoo intimated that there will be no re-polling in any of the polling centre of Chitrakot assembly constituency.

A decision to this regard was taken after the review of polling, held on Monday. The final percentage of polling is 78.12%.

Chhattisgarh has set a record mainly in Naxal infested areas with no re-polling reported in State General Assembly election 2018, Lok Sabha



election 2019 and now in two recent by-polls in Dantewada and Chitrakot.

The polling for the Chitrakot by-poll was held peacefully with no untoward incident or disruption of polling.

District Electoral Officer Bastar intimated that all the EVMs from polling centres have been stored at Dharampura based Government Women Polytechnic College, Jagdalpur and were sealed.

The counting will be held on October 24. Office of District Electoral Officer has now commenced the preparation for the counting and its management.

Govt's U-turn on farm loan is 'historical fraud', says BJP

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Leader of Opposition and BJP leader Dharamlal Kaushik said Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel's u-turn on farm loan waiver is a "historical fraud."

In the history of India no such thing was done to get votes as Congress did in the state, he said.

Kaushik claimed that no short term loans of nationalised banks and other financial institutions or any other banks were waived off. The promise of providing two years bonus to the farmers has also taken back-seat, he added.



Kaushik said the Chief Minister is now saying that no loan waiver would be a challenge to the farmers. "The Congress

does not need farmers anymore as the votes are over. The farmers are receiving notices from banks for loans and the government is not concerned," he added.

Mentioning recent, "Tagada rally" at Rajnandgaon, Kaushik said farmers across the state are angry due to government's failure to keep its promise. Government should make it clear as how many farmers derived benefit of loan waiver the BJP leader demanded.

He said in the name of farm loan waiver the government took loans of crores of rupees.

'Rail-Yatri' play leaves audience spellbound

STAFF REPORTER ■
RAIPUR

On the occasion of Vijaya Sannam and Durgotsav in the Bengali Kalibari Samiti premises various cultural programmes were organised.

The play 'Rail-Yatri' was much appreciated by audience. The specialty in the entire play was that a small part of the play was spoken in the Dhaka Boirishal Language of the East-Bengal region which is in today's Bangladesh by Manoranjan Ghorami and Mantu Bain.

A representative from bankers club, Jayant



Mukherjee, who was also in charge of the direction, editing and casting of the play, said that the key objective behind organising this play was to showcase the journey done in the Indian Railways, how fellow passengers together create a small family and for few hours the entire journey becomes so affectionate and friendly, that all the fellow passengers become a part of the happy and tough moments of each other's life.

He was also seen in the role of an eunuch, a medicine seller, a pick-pocket and a drunkard.

KARNAL RECORDED ALL-TIME LOWEST POLL PERCENTAGE

NISHU MAHAJAN ■
CHANDIGARH

On the day of polling to the 90-member Haryana State Assembly, Chief Minister Manohar Lal may have showed great enthusiasm by riding a bicycle to reach the polling station to exercise his franchise but the electors in his constituency-Karnal-showed little interest to come out of their homes to cast their votes.

Karnal was among the assembly constituencies witnessing the low voter turnout, when Haryana went to State Assembly polls on Monday. Infact, the Karnal constituency has witnessed the lowest ever poll percentage i.e. 52.29 on Monday, since the first

State Assembly polls in the year 1967 in this assembly segment.

In 2014 State Assembly elections, Karnal assembly seat had recorded poll percentage of 67.84.



While the Chief Minister was busy making appeals to the voters across the state to turn up in record numbers on the polling day, the voter turnout fell to dismal 52.29 in his own constituency-Karnal.

In the past State Assembly elections, Karnal constituency had witnessed poll percentage

High profile constituencies	Voting percentage 2014	Voting percentage 2019
Karnal	67.84	52.29
Ambala Cantt	72.63	61.99
Rohtak	65.85	59.94
Narnaund	83.18	78.13
Kaithal	83.71	77.80

of 63.84 in 2009, 63.2 per cent in 2005, 59.69 per cent in 2000, 68.01 per cent in 1996, 63.07 per cent in 1991, 62.44 per cent in 1987, 69.70 per cent in 1982, 62.20, 70.36 per cent in 1972, 63.01 per cent in 1968 and 76.29 per cent in 1967.

The state of Haryana, itself recorded the lowest voter turnout of 68.31 per cent in last three decades. 69.36 per cent male and 67.12 per cent female voters exercised their right to vote in the assembly elections.

A total of 1.83 crore voters including 98.78 lakh males, 85.12 lakh females and 252 transgenders were eligible to vote in the polls.

In the year 2014, when the Bharatiya Janata Party had

roared to power recording absolute majority for the first time on its own in Haryana, the state had witnessed highest voter turnout ever registered since its inception.

The voting percentage was 76.13 in 2014, 72.35 in 2009, 71.96 in 2005, 69.01 in 2000, 70.54 in 1996 and 65.86 in 1991 in assembly polls in Haryana.

Interestingly, Karnal was not the only high-profile constituency which witnessed low voter turnout on the polling day. Most of the assembly segments represented by state Cabinet Ministers have witnessed low voter turnout this time as compared to last assembly elections.

Ambala Cantt assembly constituency, from where Cabinet Minister Anil Vij is seeking re-election recorded lowest ever voter turnout in its history. The constituency registered 61.99 per cent voter turnout while the percentage was 72.63 in 2014 assembly polls.

In Ambala Cantt, the five-time MLA and Haryana Health Minister Anil Vij is pitted against Congress' Venu Singla Aggarwal, Congress rebel candidate and independent Chitra Sarwara among others.

In prestigious Rohtak assembly segment, from where the BJP Minister Manish Grover is seeking re-election for a second consecutive term, has also seen lowest poll percentage of 59.94 in last two decades.

The poll percentage was 65.85 in 2014, 62.17 in 2009, 64.74 in 2005 and 59.68 in 2000 in the constituency.

Finance Minister Capt. Abhimanyu's constituency Narnaund recorded poll percentage of 78.13, which was again lower than last year's 83.18 per cent voter turnout. Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister OP Dhankar's Badli constituency recorded voter turnout of 69.70 per cent this time, down from 70.87 percent in 2014 polls.

Similarly in Cabinet Minister Kavita Jain's assembly constituency-Sonapat, the voting percentage was 64 as compared to 68.71 in 2014 assembly election.

In another high-profile constituency- Panchkula, the voter turnout fell from 65.72 in 2014 to 60 per cent this time. The Congress candidate and former Haryana Deputy Chief Minister, Chander Mohan is pitted outgoing BJP MLA Gian Chand Gupta in Panchkula.

Congress leader Randeep Singh Surjewala's constituen-

cy Kaithal recorded 77.70 poll percentage, down from 83.71 during previous Assembly polls. Tosham assembly seat, represented by senior Congress leader Kiran Choudhry saw voter turnout of 70 per cent as against 81.39 percent in 2014.

The Badhkal assembly seat, which recorded the lowest voter turnout i.e. 49.18 per cent in the state had seen 60.23 percent polling in 2014.

Likewise, Faridabad Assembly segment saw low voter turnout of 49.63 as compared to 59.93 poll percentage in previous polls.

According to the polls analysts, the low voter turnout in high-profile constituencies in Haryana could be seen as the lack of enthusiasm among voters to elect the outgoing heavyweight candidates again.

While the voter turnout has declined in most of the prominent Assembly seats in

Haryana, the poll percentage remained almost similar in Garhi Sampla-Kiloi, from where two-time Chief Minister and senior Congress leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda is seeking another term and pitted against his old rival Satish Kumar Nandal.

The constituency recorded voter turnout of 74 per cent as compared to 73.81 per cent in 2014. Nandal, who had contested the last Assembly poll as a candidate from the Indian National Lok Dal – joined the BJP in June this year and was fielded as a candidate by the saffron party.

Hooda had defeated Nandal by 47,185 votes in 2014 and by 72,100 votes in 2009.

Notably, Chief Minister Manohar Lal while making his poll debut from Karnal seat in 2014 had recorded victory margin of 63773 votes against an independent candidate Jai Parkash Gupta.

Foolproof three-tier security for EVMs in Haryana

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Police has made a foolproof three-tier security arrangement for the safety of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trial (VVPAT) machines brought to the designated strong rooms after polling for the State Assembly polls on October 21.

Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order), Navdeep Singh Virk said that elaborate security arrangements have been made for safe custody of the EVMs and VVPAT machines at designated strong rooms where personnel of State Police and Paramilitary forces guarding the rooms under round the clock vigil.

We are strictly going by the Election Commission instructions regarding the safety of EVMs and VVPAT machines till the day of counting, he said.

Giving details about the security measures, Virk said that in the first layer, personnel of Central Armed Police Forces are deployed near the strong rooms, Haryana Armed Police personnel posted in second layer and district police personnel are manning the outer layer.

He said that 90 strong rooms have been

DGP appreciates all ranks for peaceful conduct of polls

Haryana Director General of Police, Manoj Yadava has appreciated all ranks of State Police and other Central Armed Police Forces who have played a significant role in peaceful conduct of Vidhan Sabha Election in the State.

Yadava said that peaceful election has been possible due to the efficiency, diligence and strict monitoring of

the officers and personnel of Haryana Police. The entire police force including all the Commissioners of Police, Range ADGPs/IGPs and district Superintendent of Police level officers had ensured strict enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct by hard work and proper planning for the past one month, he said.

established at 59 different locations with round-the-clock vigil to ensure the safety of EVMs and VVPAT machines.

Virk further said that Haryana Police throughout the election season kept the information flowing about security arrangements, police deployment and seizures. The idea was to reassure the citizens of its presence and create a fear in the minds of those planning any disruption, he said.

The EVMs and VVPAT machines kept in strong rooms across the state will be opened on October 24 for counting.

Punjab records 24% increase in farm fires, no challan issued so far

PTI ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab has recorded a 25 per cent increase in stubble burning incidents as compared to 2018, which the State Government attributed to early harvesting of paddy crop this year.

The number of farm fires in Haryana, however, has decreased by 10 per cent as compared to last year, despite the "moderate implementation of the ban on stubble burning due to elections", according to officials.

Till October 20, Punjab recorded 2,482 cases of stubble burning against 1,980 last year, an increase of around 25 per cent.

A significant rise in stubble burning was recorded on October 19 and 20. While 446 cases were reported on October 19, the number on October 20 touched the 500 mark.

Only 64 cases were recorded on October 18 when a western disturbance caused rainfall in parts of Punjab.

According to Punjab Pollution Control Board data, Tarn Taran, Amritsar and Patiala have recorded 450, 417 and 249 cases, respectively.

Haryana witnessed 2,048 farm fires as compared to 2,283 last year. Karnal, Kaithal and Kurukshetra have reported 543, 503 and 422 incidents of stubble burning, respectively, till October 20.

The period between October 15 and November 15 is considered critical as maximum number of stubble burning incidents take place in this span in Punjab and adjoining states, which is one of the main reasons for alarming spike in pollution in Delhi-NCR.

Despite a ban on stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana, farmers continue to defy it amid lack of financial incentives. State governments are providing 50 to 80 per cent subsidy to farmers and cooperative societies to buy modern farm equipment for in-situ management of paddy straw, and running a massive awareness campaign against stubble burning.

A Punjab government official, who did not wish to be named, said the high court's September 19 order staying the recovery of fine from farmers found violating the ban on stubble burning has subdued the effect of challans. "Not one challan has been issued this year."

However, Karunesh Garg, member secretary of the Punjab Pollution Control Board, said the court had only stalled the recovery of fine imposed in previous years and that challans will be issued this time too. "The single bench referred the matter to the court of chief justice who has categorically said that stubble burning is banned. The government has also made it clear and issued strict directions to curb

farm fires," he said. "We have identified the erring farmers and the process of issuing challans has been set in motion," Garg said.

Another official on condition of anonymity said that bypolls in some parts of Punjab "prevented the government from issuing challans this year". Secretary (Agriculture) K S Pannu said the number of farm fires seems large because of early harvesting of paddy crop.

"This year, the harvesting began around a week earlier as compared to the last year. That's the reason the number of farm fires looks big. I am sure the cumulative figure at the end of the harvesting period will be much smaller," he said.

The Centre and the state government have made serious interventions, provided farm equipment and undertaken massive awareness drives to prevent stubble burning. If not this year, the problem will be completely resolved in the next two years, Pannu said.

Haryana Pollution Control Board Member Secretary S Narayanan said 102 challans have been issued against farmers for violating the ban on stubble burning, but the recovery of fine has been put on hold following the high court order. "The number of farm fires has gone down considerably, despite the harvesting season starting early and the official machinery being busy in elections," he said.

POST MODI-ABHIJIT MEET

Don't expect anti-Modi remarks from me: Abhijit

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Nobel laureate Abhijit Banerjee, who met Narendra Modi here on Tuesday, said the Prime Minister joked about the media trying to bring out "anti-Modi" remarks from him.

In a media interaction after the meeting at the Prime Minister's official residence, Banerjee refused to take questions on the state of economy and refrained from commenting on policies of the Government.

"I had a cordial and good meeting, Prime Minister Modi started by cracking a joke on how media is trying to trap me to say anti-Modi things. He's been watching TV and he's been watching you guys. And he knows what you are trying to



do," he told reporters when asked about the meeting taking place against the backdrop of a debate over his comments on an economic slump.

After his meeting with Banerjee, Modi tweeted, "Excellent meeting with Nobel Laureate Abhijit Banerjee. His passion towards human empowerment is clearly visible.

We had a healthy and extensive interaction on various subjects. India is proud of his

accomplishments. Wishing him the very best for his future endeavours."

Banerjee, an Indian-born American professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, won the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences, commonly referred to as the Nobel Prize in Economics, jointly with wife Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer of the US for "experimental approach to alleviating global poverty".

J&K Guv hits out at separatists and mainstream leaders, says none of them lost their own to terrorism

PTI ■ JAMMU

Leaders of Hurriyat and mainstream parties in Jammu & Kashmir, religious preachers and clerics have used their influence to get the children of ordinary Kashmiris killed while none of them lost their own to terrorism, Governor Satya Pal Malik said on Tuesday.

Alleging that "affluent and powerful" sections have crushed the dreams of the youths in Kashmir and destroyed their lives, he appealed to the people to understand the truth and join the Centre's efforts to usher peace and progress in the State.

Their own children are studying abroad and are well settled. But to the children of commoners, they show the "way to 'jannat' (paradise) get them killed. All this has been happening here", Malik said addressing the seventh convocation of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University in Katra town.

"Politicians, bureaucrats, affluent and powerful have crushed the dreams of the youths and destroyed

their lives. "The society leaders, religious preachers, Moulvis, Hurriyat and mainstream parties have used their influence to get the children of ordinary Kashmiris killed. None of them have lost their own child and nobody from their families joined terrorism," he said

Malik, who is known for his candid remarks, said that after joining as Governor, "I have not taken input from the intelligence agencies. They are not telling the truth to Delhi or us."

"I directly talked to 150 to 200 youths and tried to identify those in colleges and universities who do not stand up for the national anthem. I talked to them and those in the age group of 25 to 30 years, whose dreams have been crushed, are misled and are angry... They do not want Hurriyat, us or Delhi government or autonomy because they were shown that the way to paradise is by getting martyred," he said.

The governor said he told such

youths that they already have a paradise in Kashmir.

"I want to tell the people of Kashmir and the youth to understand the truth. You have beautiful place in the world to live...."

"Give it in the hands of Delhi which has opened its treasure for you. We are not going to take it (the place) anywhere. Come forward and be part of the new phase and tread the path of progress and development," the governor said.

The governor said 22,000 Kashmiri youths are outside the state for education and accused the politicians of neglecting the needs of people of Jammu & Kashmir.

"Why do they have to go outside for education? It is because we have not been able to provide standard education in the state over the last many decades. If the money which was pumped into Kashmir was used by politicians and bureaucrats in a proper manner, the roof of your homes would have been of gold," he said.

JD(U) to contest Delhi polls, Nitish party meeting today

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

BJP ally JD(U) is set to contest the Delhi Assembly election on its own and Bihar Chief Minister and party president Nitish Kumar will address a meeting of its workers in the national capital on Wednesday regarding its poll preparedness.

JD(U) general secretary Sanjay Jha, who is in charge of the party's affairs in Delhi and a minister in the Bihar government, said it will contest the assembly polls, which are likely to be held early next year, with "full force".

The meeting on Wednesday is likely to be attended by over 3,000 workers drawn from all 70 assembly constituencies, he added.

Though the JD(U) is an ally of the BJP but its alliance with the saffron party has remained confined to Bihar and it has been fighting polls outside on its own.

Abdullakutty appointed Kerala BJP VP

PTI ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Former Kannur MP AP Abdullakutty, who recently joined the BJP, has been appointed as the State Vice President of the saffron party's Kerala unit.

The announcement was made by party state President P Sreedharan Pillai at a press conference here.

"Abdullakutty has been appointed as the state vice president of the party", he said.

Pillai also dismissed the various exit poll results by various media houses on the outcome of the bypolls to five assembly constituencies in Kerala held on Monday, predicting that the BJP-NDA would not fare well.

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Identify ailing kids & treat them under Ayushman health scheme: UP Guv

Amethi (UP): Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel on Tuesday stressed on the need for

a survey to identify children suffering from serious ailments and to provide them medical treatment under the Ayushman Bharat Yojna.

"The Central Government's Ayushman Bharat Yojna is proving to be a boon for the poor. A survey need to be undertaken to identify children suffering from serious ailments so that they can be provided treatment under the scheme," said the governor who visited Amethi along with local MP and Minister for Women and Child Welfare Smriti Irani.

Speaking at a function at the Malik Mohammad Jaisi District Hospital here after distributing golden cards to beneficiaries of the Ayushman Bharat Yojna, Patel said such schemes strengthen the society and country. "The scheme provides treatment up to '5 lakh a year and people need to use this facility," she said.

The governor also pointed out the need for a proper publicity of the scheme and suggested setting up hoardings before hospitals selected for providing medical care under the Central government's scheme. She inspected the hospital and also met the patients.

Patel and Irani also inspected the old age home at Gauriganj town near here and took inputs about the facilities available there. Speaking to reporters on the occasion, Union minister Irani said expressed her gratitude towards the governor for visiting her parliamentary constituency and providing guidance to the administration. "This is our privilege that the governor visited Amethi. She did not only visit the educational institutes, but also met the children, mothers and inspected health institutions, and gave directives to the DM and SP," said Irani.

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TURKISH AIRSTRIKES KILL TWO PKK OFFICIALS

Baghdad: Turkish airstrikes on Tuesday killed two senior officials of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) on Azmar mountain in Slemari governorate region. According to sources, the PKK condemned the incident. It also called on the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) party and Kurdistan Region's Parliament to reveal details of the operation.

VIOLENCE BREAKS OUT IN BOLIVIA OVER VOTE COUNT

La Paz: Violence broke out in several Bolivian cities on Monday after the main opposition candidate rejected presidential election results that seemed set to give victory to long-time incumbent Evo Morales, as international monitors voiced "deep concern."

SYRIA'S ASSAD VISITS IDLIB FRONT LINE(18:42)

Damascus: Syria's President Bashar al-Assad on Tuesday visited troops deployed along the front line of Idlib province, in western Syria, for the first time since the beginning of the conflict in 2011.

Trudeau wins Canada vote, will form minority Govt

AFP ■ OTTAWA

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberal Party held onto power in a nail-biter of a Canadian general election on Monday, but as a weakened minority Government.

Television projections as of 2 am Tuesday (0600 GMT) declared the Liberals winners or leading in 156 of the nation's 338 electoral districts, versus 122 for his main rival Andrew Scheer and the Conservatives, after polling stations across six time zones closed.

As early as Tuesday, Trudeau will have to form an alliance with one or more smaller parties in order to govern a fractured nation.

The first test of his future government will follow in the coming weeks with a speech to parliament outlining his legislative priorities and a confidence vote.

"From coast to coast to coast, tonight Canadians rejected division and negativity," Trudeau said. "And they rejected cuts and austerity and voted in favour of a progressive agenda and strong action on climate change."

He reassured Quebec that his Liberal government, despite an electoral setback in the French-speaking province, "will be there for you."

He also spoke directly to a growing sense of Western Canada's alienation within the federation, telling those in Saskatchewan and Alberta provinces: "I've heard your frustration."

The 47-year-old former school teacher dominated Canadian politics over the four years of his first term, but faced a grilling during the 40-day poll campaign, which he described as one of the "dirtiest and nastiest" in Canadian history.

Trudeau and Scheer exchanged barbs as attack ads and misinformation multiplied.

Trudeau evoked the bogeymen of past and current Tory parties fostering "politics of fear and division" while Scheer called the prime minister a "compulsive liar," "a phony and a fraud."

Going into the election Trudeau's golden boy image had already been damaged by ethics lapses in the handling of the bribery prosecution of engineering giant SNC-Lavalin. His popularity took a further hit with the emergence during the campaign of old photographs of him in blackface makeup.

At one rally, the prime minister was forced to wear a bulletproof vest due to a security threat.

"Trudeau has really lost his halo. It's pretty tarnished," commented Lois Welsh, 77, in Regina, disappointed over the Liberal win.

Erdogan warns Syria offensive will resume unless Kurds complete pull out

AFP ■ ANKARA

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Tuesday threatened to resume Turkey's military offensive in Syria "with greater determination" unless the withdrawal of Kurdish fighters is completed under a US-brokered deal.

"If the promises given to our country by the United States are not kept, we will continue our operation from where we left off with greater determination," Erdogan told reporters before departing for talks with Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin.

Following a deal with US Vice President Mike Pence last

week, Turkey announced a 120-hour suspension of the offensive from last Thursday under which Kurdish fighters were to withdraw to allow a "safe zone" to be set up along the border.

Erdogan was to meet with Putin in the Black Sea resort of Sochi later on Tuesday as the end of the 120-hour deadline approaches.

"We will have the opportunity to discuss steps to end (Kurdish fighters') presence in regime-held areas," the Turkish leader said.

Erdogan last week said he was not bothered by the Damascus regime's presence in several regions along the Turkish border.

Pompeo says too early to judge Syria success

Washington: US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said on Tuesday it was too early to know if an accord to end Turkey's assault in Syria would succeed, ahead of a deadline for Kurdish fighters to leave border areas. "Some progress has certainly been made," Pompeo said at the Heritage Foundation in Washington hours before the 1900 GMT deadline for formerly US-allied Kurdish fighters to pull out.

But he added: "It is a complicated story, to be sure. The success of the outcome there is not yet fully determined." **AFP**

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW MAJOR BRIDGES & EARTHWORK ETC

E-Tender Notice No. CON/2019/OCT/04 & 05. Open tender through e-tendering system is invited from experienced and reputed Contractor(s)/firm(s) for the following works:- **Sl. No.1, E-Tender No. CE/CONIA-G/MB/2019/14. Name of work:** Construction of new major bridges Br No. 165 (5x30.50m OWG, substructure only at Ch.83390.330), Br No. 195 (3x6.10m PSC Slab, substructure & superstructure at Ch.95720.000), Br No. 206 (3x6.10 PSC Slab, substructure & superstructure at Ch.100675.896), Br No. 212 RUB (2x30.5m Composite Girder, substructure & superstructure at Ch.103063.059), Br No. 190A RUB (1x30.50m OWG, substructure only at Ch.93960.000), Br No. 191 (1x12.20 PSC Slab, substructure & superstructure at Ch.94410.000) & Br No. 192A RUB (1x12.20m PSC Slab, substructure & superstructure at Ch.94940.000) including Br No. 175 (3x24.40m Composite Girder, substructure & superstructure at Ch.87326.970), Br No. 176 (3x12.2m PSC Slab, substructure & superstructure at Ch.87906.910), Br No. 185 (4x24.40m Composite Girder, substructure & superstructure at Ch.91422.907), Br No. 189 (2x12.2 PSC Slab, substructure & superstructure at Ch.93145.569) & Br No. 207 (3x24.40m Composite Girder, substructure & superstructure at Ch.100890.000), protection work and other ancillary works between Powakhali to Thakurganj. **Approximate Value:** ₹43,65,27,148.82. **Sl. No.2, E-Tender No. CE/CONIA-G/MIS/2019/15. Name of work:** 1. For Powakhali Station Yard - Earthwork in filling for making embankment for development of Powakhali station yard (from Ch.83500 to 85500) including RBG room, two nos High level passenger platform (610m long each), PP shelter 8 bays, FOB (with step & ramp), OH water tank staging, (40000L capacity), deep tube well, type-II qtr 20 nos, type-III qtr 4 nos, type-IV qtr 2 nos and construction of Minor Br No.166 (2x6.0m RCC Box), Br No. 167 (1x6.0m RCC Box), boundary wall/wire net fencing with RCC post, circulating area, approach road, drains, hume pipe culvert, protection work etc. 2. For Kadogaon Halt Station - Earthwork in filling for making embankment for development of Kadogaon Halt station yard (from Ch.89325 to 91325) including Waiting hall cum Booking counter, one no High level passenger platform (610m long), PP shelter 2 bays, deep tube well, OH water tank, type-II qtr 8 nos and construction of Minor Br No.180 (1x4.0m RCC Box), Br No. 181 (1x6.0m RCC Box RUB), Br No. 182 (1x6.0m RCC Box RUB), Br No. 183 (1x6.0m RCC Box RUB) & Br No. 184 (1x6.0m RCC Box RUB), boundary wall/wire net fencing with RCC post, circulating area, approach road, drains, hume pipe culvert, protection work etc. 3. For Bhogdabar Halt Station - Earthwork in filling for making embankment for development of Kadogaon Halt station yard (from Ch.96900 to 98900) including Waiting hall cum Booking counter, one no High level passenger platform (610m long), PP shelter 2 bays, deep tube well, OH water tank, type-II qtr 8 nos and construction of Minor Br No.196 (1x6.0m RCC Box RUB), Br No. 199 (1x4.0m RCC Box) & Br No.200 (1x6.0m RCC Box), boundary wall/wire net fencing with RCC post, circulating area, approach road, drains, hume pipe culvert, protection work etc. in between Powakhali to Thakurganj. **Approximate Value:** ₹49,05,87,232.74. All above E-tender will be closed at 14:30 hrs. on 15-11-2019 and opened at 15:30 hrs. on 15-11-2019. For Details Please visit www.inrps.gov.in For Chief Engineer/Con/9

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Impeachment is 'lynching': Trump

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump on Tuesday likened the impeachment investigation against him to a "lynching," a racially charged word from the darkest days of America's slavery legacy.

There was an immediate backlash to Trump's tweet in which he claimed that impeachment was unfair and stripping him of his legal rights.

"All Republicans must remember what they are witnessing here — a lynching.

But we will WIN!" Trump tweeted.

Kristen Clarke, president of the National Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, said she was "sickened to see Trump's gross misappropriation of this term today." Clarke said that 4,743 people were lynched in the United States between 1882 and 1968, of which 3,446 were African Americans.

"Lynchings were crimes against humanity and an ugly part of our nation's history of racial violence," she said.

Will pull Brexit bill if MPs vote against timetable: Johnson

AFP ■ LONDON

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson warned MPs Tuesday if they vote against the timetable to push his EU divorce deal through parliament this week he will abandon

the legislation and try to hold a snap election.

"The bill will have to be pulled... And we will have to go forward to a general election," Johnson told lawmakers in a raucous debate hours ahead of the crunch vote.

US diplomat drawn into Trump's Ukraine effort set to testify

AP ■ KYIV (UKRAINE)

William Taylor has emerged as an unlikely central player in the events that are at the heart of the impeachment inquiry of President Donald Trump.

The retired career civil servant was tapped to run the US Embassy in Ukraine after the administration abruptly ousted the ambassador.

He was then drawn into a Trump administration effort to leverage US military aid for Ukraine.

And then he apparently grew alarmed.

"I think it's crazy to withhold security assistance for help with a political campaign," he wrote at one point in excerpts of text messages released by impeachment investigators in Congress.

Now, members of Congress will hear directly from Taylor.

The former Army officer is scheduled to testify behind closed doors Tuesday in an inquiry trying to determine if Trump committed impeachable offenses by pressing the president of Ukraine into pursuing information that could help his campaign as Trump withheld military aid to the Eastern European country.

Taylor had been serving as executive vice president at the U.S. Institute of Peace, a non-partisan think tank founded by Congress, when he was appointed to run the embassy in Kyiv after Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch was removed before the end of her term following a campaign against her led by Trump's personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani.

He was chosen for the post because he was among only a handful of former officials with experience in Ukraine who would be perceived as neutral by local officials and wouldn't raise objections at the White House, according to a colleague.

Juncker bids adieu, slams 'stupid nationalism'

Strasbourg (France): Jean-Claude Juncker on Tuesday prepared to step down as European Commission chief with a message urging MEPs to fight against "stupid and blinkered" nationalism.

The Luxembourgish politician concludes his time as one of the European Union's (EU) most senior figures, making way for German conservative Ursula von der Leyen who was voted in to replace him, Efe news reported.

"Take care of Europe. And fight with all your force against stupid and blinkered nationalism. Long-live Europe," Juncker said, concluding what is likely his final address to the European Parliament as Commission chief.

The 64-year-old took a look back at the milestones of his five-year mandate at the helm of the EU's executive arm as well as the disappointments along the way, including the failure to agree on arrangements with Switzerland and the lack of progress on Cyprus' reunification. **IAN S**

British Sikhs ask JUI-F leader to stop march

IAN S ■ LONDON

A group of British Sikhs has appealed to Jamaat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazal (JUI-F) leader Fazal-ur Rahman to stop his proposed march and October 31 sit in at Islamabad.

The group, as reported in the Pakistani media, said: "There is threat of disturbance and disorder in Pakistan due to this march and protest which forced around 200 British Sikhs to cancel their Pakistan visit".

Thousands of Sikhs from across the world would head to Pakistan to celebrate the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev, the founder of Sikhism. Big programmes will be organised at Nankana Sahib, the birthplace of Guru Nanak, and other places.

The JUI-F has announced to start a march from October 27 to bring down the Imran Khan government in Pakistan. The protesters will reach Islamabad on October 31 where they will hold a sit in.

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Name of work with its location	App. Cost of the work (in ₹)	Tender inviting officer address	Tender Documents Fee (in ₹)	Earnest money to be deposited (in ₹)	Date & time for closing of tender	Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.
Signalling work in connection with sectional signal maintenance contract in section of ADSTE/PS of Delhi Division	₹85,10,675.57/-	Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer/II, Northern Railway, 2nd Floor, Annex-I, DRM Office, New Delhi- 110055	₹5,900/- only	₹1,70,200/- only	Tender Uploaded date & time 13.11.2019 upto 15:00 hrs.	See the N.Rly. website www.inrps.gov.in & Notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office, State entry road, New Delhi-110055.
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Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Axis Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s) Mortgage(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.				
The Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Mortgage(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Mortgage(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates.				
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1. Mr. Vijay Kumar Pal/S/O Sh. Ram Charan Pal/O-H. No. -2543, Sec-7a, Chowk, Sector-7, Faridabad, Haryana - 121006. Also At: Mr. Vijay Kumar Pal, S/O Sh. Ram Charan Pal At Shiv Sweet And Cakes, 2398, Sector - 7 A, Sector-7, Faridabad, Haryana - 121006. Also At: Mr. Vijay Kumar Pal, S/O Sh. Ram Charan Pal, House No - 784, Sector - 8, Urban Estate, Faridabad, Haryana - 121006	Immovable Asset Residential Property At House No - 784, (Ground And First Floor) Area Measuring 250 Sq.Yrds. Sector-08, Urban Estate, Tehsil- Ballabhgarh, Faridabad, Haryana Along With Share And Interest In The Said Land Underneath The Building In Which Said Property Is Located And In The Common Areas And Facilities Provided In The Building Scheme/ Complex	25-July-2019	18-October-2019	Rs. 1,25,29,317/-
2. Mrs. Malvi Sahu, W/O Vijay Kumar Pal, R/O H.No. -2543, Sec-7a, Chowk, Sector -7, Faridabad, Haryana - 121006. Also At: Mrs. Malvi Sahu, W/O Vijay Kumar Pal, House No. 784, Sector -8, Urban Estate, Faridabad, Haryana-121006	Residential Apartment Bearing No. 1410, On Thirteen Floor, In Tower - B Having A Total Super Area Approximate 905 Sq Ft And Covered Area 701.05 Sq Ft, 2bhk Along With Right To Use One Covered Car Parking Space In The Galaxy North Avenue Built On The Plot Bearing No - Go-03, Situated In The Gaur City, Gh-01, Sector -04, Greater Noida District Gautam Budh Nagar Up.	20-May-2019	18-October-2019	31,84,846/-
Mr. Sanjay Singh, S/O Arjun Singh, Flat No-1410, Tower B, 14th Floor, Galaxy North Avenue, Plot No - Go-3, Gh-01, Gaur City -1, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh - 201301 Also At Mr. Sanjay Singh S/O Arjun Singh, Project Lead Manager, At Tech Mahindra 58 A/B Noida Special Economic Zone Phase - II, Sector -80 Noida/ Uttar Pradesh -201301 Also At Mr. Sanjay Singh S/O Arjun Singh, Flat No - 1410, Tower B, 13th Floor, Galaxy North Avenue, Plot No - Go-3, Gh-01, Gaur City -1, Greater Noida Uttar Pradesh -201301 Also At Mr. Sanjay Singh S/O Arjun Singh, T-28, Sector -11, Noida Up-201301	2. Mrs. Poonam Prakash W/O Mr. Sanjay Singh Flat No-1410, Tower B, 13th Floor, Galaxy North Avenue, Plot No - Go-3, Gh-01, Gaur City -1, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh -201301 Also At Mrs. Poonam Prakash, W/O Mr. Sanjay Singh, T -28, Sector -11, Noida Up -201301	15-July-2019	18-October-2019	Rs. 30,68,714/-
Ms. Honey Roy, D/O Mr. Tapan Kumar Roy R/O House No. 901, Era Redwood Residency, Sector-8, Faridpur, Faridabad, Haryana-121011 Also At Ms. Honey Roy D/O Mr. Tapan Kumar Roy M/S Eicher Goodearth Pvt. Ltd., A-3, Select City Walk, 3rd Saket District Centre, New Delhi-110017 Also At: Ms. Honey Roy D/O Mr. Tapan Kumar Roy Flat No. H05-1 Tower No. 5 (H) Redwood Residency, Faridpur, Sector-78, Haryana-121004	Immovable Asset Residential Unit Bearing No. H09-1, Admeasuring Super Area, 1200 Square Feet Situated At 9th Floor, Tower No. 5(H), In The Residential Scheme/Complex Known As 'Redwood Residency', Situated In Village Faridpur Sector-78, Tehsil Tapan & District Faridabad, Haryana Alongwith Proprietary, Undivided Impartible Share And Interest In The Said Land Underneath The Building In Which Said Unit Is Located And In The Common Areas And Facilities Provided In The Building Complex	15-July-2019	18-October-2019	Rs. 30,68,714/-
The above-mentioned Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Mortgage(s) are hereby given a 30 days' Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days' from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.				
Date : 23-10-2019, Place : Delhi				
Sd/-, Authorized Officer, Axis Bank Ltd.,				

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Restriction on sale of platform tickets at New Delhi, Delhi, Hazrat Nizamuddin and Anand Vihar Terminal stations

It has been decided by Northern Railway that there will be no sale of platform tickets at Delhi Jn., New Delhi & Anand Vihar Terminal stations with effect from 25.10.2019 to 02.11.2019 due to Deepawali & Chhat Puja rush and Hazrat Nizamuddin station with effect from 25.10.2019 to 27.10.2019 due to Deepawali festival. However, persons coming to the stations to assist the aged, illiterate and lady passengers etc. who are not in a position to fend for themselves at railway station shall be exempted from this restrictions.

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Whereas the above named applicant(s) has/ have instituted a case for recovery of Rs.61,21,357/- (Rupees Sixty One Lakh Twenty One Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Seven Only) against you and where as it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on 14.11.2019 At 10.30 A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned , the case will be heard and determined in your absence.

BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL,
SECTION OFFICER DRT-II, DELHI

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to all concern that Mrs. Savita Kohli W/o Shri S.R. Kohli, R/o D-89, Gulmohar Park, New Delhi- who is the original allottee of Residential Flat No. 203C, Block-B-10, Sector-34, Noida U.P., had sold the said property on General Power of Attorney basis to Shri Jai Krishan Raina S/o Shri R.K. Raina R/o B-10/203C, Udaigiri-II, Sector-34, Noida, U.P., which is registered on dated 23-09-95, the Agreement to Sell has not been executed. So it is informed to all concerned that the said flat in going to be transferred in favour of Mrs. Manju W/o Shri Anil Kumar R/o B-12A/26C, Sector-34, Noida, U.P. on basis of General Power of Attorney.

If any one has/have any objection he/she may file his/her objection along with the sufficient proof in the Residential (Housing) Department of Noida Authority within 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Jai Krishan Raina

स्वास्थ्य विभाग

प्रेस विज्ञप्ति

बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग पटना द्वारा राज्य के चिकित्सा महाविद्यालयों में सहायक प्राध्यापक के रिक्त पदों पर नियुक्ति हेतु विभिन्न स्पेशियलिटी विभागों यथा रेडियोलॉजी (विज्ञापन संख्या-23/2017), फिजियोलॉजी (विज्ञापन संख्या-08/2017), पीओएमआरओ (विज्ञापन संख्या-21/2017), चर्न एवं रंति रोग (विज्ञापन संख्या-17/2017), मनोरोग (विज्ञापन संख्या-25/2017), कान नाक एवं गला (विज्ञापन संख्या-29/2017), टीओबी एवं चैस्ट (विज्ञापन संख्या-16/2017), एफओएमटीडी (विज्ञापन संख्या-14/2017) एवं शिशु रोग (विज्ञापन संख्या-19/2017) के सफल अभ्यर्थियों की अनुसूचा सूची भेजी गयी है।

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1.	● रेडियोलॉजी (विज्ञापन संख्या-23/2017) ● फिजियोलॉजी (विज्ञापन संख्या-08/2017)	दिनांक- 06.11.2019	11.00 AM से 02.00 PM तथा 03:00 PM से 05:00 PM	स्वास्थ्य विभाग, विकास भवन, पटना के विभागीय सभागार में।
2.	● पीओएमआरओ (विज्ञापन संख्या-21/2017) ● चर्न एवं रंति रोग (विज्ञापन संख्या-17/2017) ● मनोरोग (विज्ञापन संख्या-25/2017) ● कान नाक एवं गला (विज्ञापन संख्या-29/2017)	दिनांक- 07.11.2019	11.00 AM से 02.00 PM तथा 03:00 PM से 05:00 PM	स्वास्थ्य विभाग, विकास भवन, पटना के विभागीय सभागार में।
3.	● टीओबी एवं चैस्ट (विज्ञापन संख्या-16/2017) ● एफओएमटीडी (विज्ञापन संख्या-14/2017) ● शिशु रोग (विज्ञापन संख्या-19/2017)	दिनांक- 08.11.2019	11.00 AM से 02.00 PM तथा 03:00 PM से 05:00 PM	स्वास्थ्य विभाग, विकास भवन, पटना के विभागीय सभागार में।

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Is there voter fatigue?

Amid predictions of a cakewalk for the BJP in Haryana and Maharashtra, low turnout signals disenchantment



A crucial aspect got swamped by exit poll results that predicted a thumping and roadrolling win for the ruling BJP in the Assembly elections in Haryana and Maharashtra. While hyperactive anchors across TV channels wondered about the margin of victories and whether the BJP would best its own record in the Assemblies so far, Haryana recorded the lowest turnout in 50 years and Maharashtra in 39. According to the Election Commission's figures, 63.55 per cent turnout was recorded in Haryana, while only 56.65 per cent came out to vote in Maharashtra. The former has seen its lowest voter turnout in Assembly elections since 1968 whereas the latter's figures are lowest since the 1980 election. Not only that, both percentages are significantly lower than the turnouts in the last round of State polls in 2014 and the Lok Sabha elections in May. This means that almost half the voters did not exercise their choice despite greater awareness and an increase in polling booths, either out of a sense of resignation or a deep distrust. This is surprising considering that behaviourally, the voter seems most invested in local self-governance issues and, therefore, is expected to turn out for the Assembly elections that are fought on local affairs rather than national ones. Clearly, there is fatigue at work. Now this can be interpreted in many ways. Could it be that there is an immediacy of contexts, the Lok Sabha results having bolstered the image of Prime Minister Narendra Modi with such an overarching appeal that any other State, where his party is in power, is assumed to be operating as a satellite? The voter probably believes that the continuity of the same regime at the Centre and States would automatically ensure a Central-level urgency to resolving local issues. Perhaps, this unitary rather than federal character of governance has bred complacency. Even though both Chief Ministers, Devendra Fadnavis in Maharashtra and Manohar Lal Khattar in Haryana, have managed to consolidate their positions and blend in, the former a non-Maratha and the latter an outsider, they, too, encountered a voter slide. Nagpur south-west, from where Fadnavis is contesting, recorded 49.25 per cent of votes, down from 56.44 per cent in 2014, while Khattar's constituency Karnal recorded 49.3 per cent of voter turnout, down from 67.84 per cent.

Also, there is now legitimacy to a majoritarian discourse given the BJP's big win in the Lok Sabha and a larger acceptance of the muscularity of the party in pushing the One India narrative. The collective decimation of the Opposition parties and the total annihilation of the only other nationalist party of consequence, the Congress, have meant that the common man has already accepted the "there can be no alternative" formula in States where the BJP is in command. In the light of this understanding and absence of a real contest, many voters may have just thought that the ballot process would anyway be a futile exercise. Particularly for those with divergent views, there is a sense of helplessness that their vote would be too minuscule to matter or that their dissent was unwanted. Tidal verdicts in succession have meant that very few seats in "friendly" States are considered "unsafe" for the BJP. Besides, at the State level, not even the ruling party is seen as following through with pledges to keep the voter animated as a decision-maker. Or it could be plain disgust at the thought that nobody would anyway give them a hearing. This ennui is dangerous to the extent that it undercuts the value of election in a democracy and actually veers it to a measure of a personality cult and a presidential style debate. This could also mean that the committed Opposition voters have dissipated somewhat and driven to as much irrelevance as the parties they feel echo their concerns. Particularly in Haryana and Maharashtra, the Congress failed even to get its basic act together with faction fights tearing it apart and turf leaders working at cross purposes. In Maharashtra, the party bled like never before with several key leaders deserting the ship. No wonder the monolithic predictability has dampened enthusiasm and though there is a younger demographic that's perhaps gung-ho, the older registered voters are still a sizeable chunk of the pie. This is not new. Even in the UK, from where we have derived our parliamentary democracy, a large proportion of voters have shunned the "political elite." Indeed, the Brexit vote has been viewed by many commentators as a vote of disillusionment. However, this only lulls the political class into an illusory sense of popularity. The vote matters in ensuring checks and balances.

In the firing line

Pakistan's use of deadly force on civilians is reprehensible. Not that condemnation will stop it



The military in Pakistan has always thought of civilians elsewhere as second-class citizens as was evidenced by the brutal genocides against Bengalis in 1970-71 or Indians. Proxy attacks by Pakistan-sponsored terrorists have cost thousands of Indian civilians their lives over the past three decades — be it during the height of the Punjab crisis or to this day, with Kashmiri terrorism being influenced by the likes of Lashkar-e-Tayyeba (LeT) chief Hafiz Saeed. However, Pakistani's Army, the Inter-Services Intelligence

(ISI), and the establishment have always had an answer. They were not directly responsible for the deaths. After all, anonymity is the advantage of proxy forces. However, the unprovoked firing of artillery and mortar shells over the Line of Control (LoC) in the Jammu region over the past few days has hit civilians hard, maiming and killing Indian villagers. This is unacceptable and serves little purpose unless the aim is to give covering fire to terrorists trying to cross the LoC. Pakistan has been nursing the black eye that India gave it with the Balakot air strikes. Then the failure of its own counter-attacks and the subsequent revocation of Article 370 by the Indian Government, which caught the Pakistani military and its Government headed by Imran Khan off-guard, have dented its "bleeding cuts" strategy vis-a-vis India. The attempts by Pakistan-backed terrorists to sabotage the local economy, particularly targeting apple growers and truckers, have also fallen flat. While the Indian paramilitary forces and intelligence forces have managed to keep a lid on active acts of terrorism in the Valley, the area still remains in a virtual lockdown even after two months of the abrogation of Article 370, although things appear to be easing ahead of winter. Pakistan is getting desperate to hurt India despite its economic situation, which is still far worse than India's, becoming almost a virtual pariah state. Even the Chinese money, supposed to flow in through investments, is drying up. China, which has for long propped up Pakistan as a counterfoil to India, has realised that investing money in Pakistan is worse than burning it. Besides, Pakistan's own hypocrisy in condemning Indian actions on Kashmir while ignoring the Chinese treatment of the Uighur Muslims has become more apparent. The Army has made a few raids into Pakistan but if these unprovoked attacks on Indian villages continue, it seems we cannot get the new Rafale jets soon enough.

A ride into military school

The defence academy at Khadakwasla is truly tri-service and a unique training institution, which sows the seeds of camaraderie, military ethos, customs and traditions



ASHOK K MEHTA

Returning to one's roots in soldiering is replete with nostalgia, inspiration and feeling 10 years younger. Revisiting the National Defence Academy (NDA), Khadakwasla, Maharashtra, after more than six decades was re-living one's days when well-rounded heads were being fitted on square shoulders. We were the pioneers, who in 1955, moved from the Joint Services Wing (JSW) in Clement Town, Dehradun, to the emerging military township of Khadakwasla near an iconic lake — the spectacular landscape overlooked by Shivaji's impregnable Sinhagad Fort. In the sixth and final term, Sinhagad became the touchstone for long-range patrolling, stamina and survival. Sticking out of the earth was the majestic central cupola, the nerve centre of the academy, flanked by the cadets' mess and the education block. Neat rows of road radiate from these commanding heights in three directions — towards the Pashan Gate, the Central Vista and the Avenue to the Lake.

In January 1955, trainloads of cadets were relocated in their new home Khadakwasla, the pride of India. It was to become the cradle of military leadership and excellence where "jointness came naturally." All the 1,000 cadets would branch out after three years together for their choice of service: Army, Navy or Air Force. Potential Army cadets were cross-trained. For example, I was sent on Indian Navy frigate Caughey for a week while a Navy volunteer went to an Army establishment and similarly, the Air Force to a different sister service. After the sixth term, one would go to the Naval, Air Force and Army military academies for the final year of training. Currently, cadets indicate their choice of service after the fourth term.

Last week in Khadakwasla, I witnessed change and what has not changed and is still reminiscent of 1955. First, the change. All the way from Pune's Southern Command Officers Mess, the 25-km stretch to Khadakwasla was then desolate, habited with lush green woods. What took one hour on a bicycle, took two hours, given the concrete jungle that has crept towards NDA and much is in the possession of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) — its kingdom. Farmhouses, luxury resort hotels and restaurants have encroached on the precincts of Khadakwasla. The Pashan Gate is new with a massive security apparatus.

The welcome landmark is the Gole Market — nothing has changed here. This market is etched in my memory because a week before we were to "pass out" and move to the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun, our joyful celebration was rudely interrupted by one "Major The Sandhu", an infantry officer who was uniformly dreading by cadets. It was past midnight. Four riding an ordnance-issued bicycle, strictly meant for one, was sacrilege, especially when Maj Sandhu, who was returning in his car from Pune, nearly collided with the overloaded bicycle. For breaking several military regu-



lations, Maj Sandhu used multi-lingual invectives and had four of us charge-sheeted.

Punishment: While all of the 11th course was allowed to pass out on December 1, 1956, we were detained for 14 days. The driver of the bicycle was Divisional Cadet Captain Jaswant Singh, who was complimented by the Commandant, Maj Gen Inayat Habibullah, for "steering a bicycle as expertly as a horse."

The cadets' living room is the same except that a limited wi-fi is now available. Like Jammu & Kashmir was put in a lockdown, cadets are forbidden the use of cellphones. The technology of the bicycle is vintage though the satchels the cadets carry has improved.

From 12 squadrons, the academy now has 18 squadrons and a cadet strength of 2,000. "Item" has become "India" squadron, my "Fox" squadron to "Foxtrot" and "Dog" to "Delta." The Ante Room has the familiar aquarium but now a billiards table, too.

Barbara Bonny, the wife of our Squadron Commander, Maj LKM Bonny, used to teach us the Foxtrot and on the weekends, commandeered busloads of Pune lasses for live practice. Gen Habibullah and his wife Hamida put the cadets through sessions of Indian cultural training — music, drama, *mushaira* and once even Bollywood.

There was no change in the cadets' mess. Rations and quality of food match any reputable restaurant. Outside are pictures of early times. Former President

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Rajendra Prasad, dining with the cadets, flanked by Gen Habibullah and Gen Moti Sagar, both drinking port... the classic shows Premier Chou en Lai in a black Mao jacket in the cadets' mess during our passing out parade.

As the chief guest, he presented me with the inter-company Squash trophy, which is captured in the film on 1962 war, *Hum Dono*. This was the era of Panchsheel and *Hindi Chini Bhai Bhai* (India and China are brothers) full of banner and bonhomie even as the Chinese had started building the road through Aksai Chin, which former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru divulged to Parliament only in 1959.

There are fabulous pictures, which must be the envy of memorabilia collectors — Pandit Nehru and Gen Habibullah, both on horseback, surveying the academy from a vantage point as it was being built. It is clear from other pictures of Nehru that the Khadakwasla project was his baby. Another picture is of Lt Gen JN Chaudhury and Nehru engaged in serious conversation. Army Chief Gen KS Thimayya and Nehru in a tete-tete. Thimayya and Nehru were good friends, enjoyed immense rapport despite professional differences.

Today, like yesterday, there is total lack of rapport and conversation between top military leaders and the political elite. The last Army Chief, who could chat up politicians, was Gen Bipin Joshi. The absence of

meaningful dialogue between the political and military leadership has let the bureaucracy usurp critical advisory space. Today, the Prime Minister cannot find the time to have a useful conversation with his Service Chiefs.

The Habibullah Museum, meagre in space, contains rich memories and souvenirs, including a stunning ornamental *khukuri*, presented by C in C Royal Nepal Army, Gen Surendra Bahadur Sahib (must be Shah) in January 1966. The once-splendid Bombay Stadium has alas gone to seed. So have the Squash courts near it. The cadets play individual sports like squash, tennis and golf. The Golf Course doubles as the military training area and is named after the legendary Russian language teacher Jaouralov.

Notwithstanding our fear of Maj Sandhu — he would famously counsel "do not trust wife, rain and enemy" — he taught us the best field craft to be a cat burglar, poacher and marksman that saved our lives and those of the men under our command in all the skirmishes and wars. NDA is truly tri-service and a unique training institution, which sows the seeds of camaraderie, military ethos, customs and traditions. That is how DCC Jaswant Singh became the Defence Minister of India.

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SOUNDBITE

I will love to see India-built applications used in the US. I would love to see India-built data system used around the world. That will be the biggest win.

Former Google CEO
—Eric Schmidt



My next one is about climate change, it's my obsession now. There's no time to discuss anymore, it's time to act.

Filmmaker
—Fernando Meirelles



We believe that direct dialogue between India and Pakistan, as outlined in the 1972 Shimla Agreement, holds the most potential for reducing tensions.

US diplomat
—Alice Wells



They say there is Ramrajya in the State. *Yeh Ram ko dhoka hai*. It seems they (BJP) have learnt from Ravan. This is why they are working as Kalyug Ravan.

Samajwadi Party chief
—Akhilesh Yadav



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More power to women

Sir — The story of the life and struggles of Pranjal Patil, the country's first visually challenged woman IAS officer, reminds us that nothing is impossible if one has the determination to persevere against all odds. Patil has truly struggled far more than others to achieve her goal of becoming an IAS officer. Losing vision at the age of six did not deter the young girl from Ulhasnagar, Maharashtra, from pursuing her dreams. In spite of several hurdles, Patil has become the first visually-challenged woman in the country to hold such a high post in the bureaucracy. The old English proverb, "where there is a will, there is a way", holds completely true in this instance.

M Pradyu Kannur

Guarding our lives

Sir — This refers to the report, "Efforts being made to demonise tech: PM" (October 21). The impact of technology on the future of human society is difficult to predict. With the advent of

Poll results shouldn't be surprising

As expected, a bunch of exit polls has projected an emphatic victory for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led alliance in Maharashtra and Haryana, which went to the polls recently. They suggest that the Congress, the principal Opposition in both States, has not begun to recover from its decimation in the 2019 Lok Sabha election in May this year. Given the increasing power of State Governments in the day-to-day lives of people, the outcome of elections in Maharashtra and Haryana will have clear governance implications for their development and growth.

Though both States are currently ruled by the BJP, the notable fact is that before 2014, neither Maharashtra nor Haryana was a stronghold of the party. To their credit, both the Chief Ministers, Devendra Fadnavis and Manohar Lal Khattar, under the supervision of the Modi-Shah duo, have made the BJP the dominant player in their respective States. The rise of these two Chief Ministers and the free hand their party allowed them in running their Governments helped the BJP expand its vote base. But the BJP's dominance has also been due

any widely accepted new technology, people's lifestyle changes in multiple ways. If in the future we need to stop the use of technology, we will need to campaign harder. For example, when plastic was discovered to be light weight, durable, cheap and easy to mould, people appreciated it as a symbol of progress in life. But today, the world knows how

demonic it is. The tragedy of our society is that we either blindly reject any form of modernism or we accept it without providing space to reject it if necessary. When someone says, "Check it before use", we criticise that person either as "Leftist" or someone heralding foreign ideology.

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to the collapse of the Opposition, with its major partner, the Congress, being in tatters. No wonder, most polls have given nearly three-fourths majority to the ruling BJP-Shiv Sena combine in Maharashtra and a similar margin to the BJP in Haryana. By this count, incumbents Fadnavis and Khattar are on the course for second terms as Chief Ministers in their respective States.

Padmini Raghavendra Secunderabad

Alarming figures

Sir — According to National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data, India saw a total of 100 deaths in police custody in 2017, which is up by eight, compared to 2016. Police are known to apply third-degree methods to elicit confession from "crimi-

nals" to buttress their case in the courts. There are many cases where undertrials have succumbed to physical and mental torture from cops. Unable to bear the torture, there are also cases of people resorting to the extreme step of committing suicide. Sadly, even natural deaths in police custody are treated as custodial death.

Deaths of these kind would have, perhaps, occurred even if such a person was not in custody. In the case of undertrials, the courts are also to be blamed since many cases drag on for years before they are even listed for hearing. It is appalling that out of 56 cases registered, only three of 48 people were chargesheeted and convicted for human rights violation. The fall in custodial deaths is not possible unless the police involved in the crime of physical and mental torture are convicted of the offence. Expedient disposal of cases in courts can substantially contribute to drastic reduction in custodial deaths.

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An alternative to direct investing

Through mutual funds, small investors can put money in the stock markets and benefit from any upswing in share prices



HIMA BINDU KOTA

The growth of mutual funds (MF) as a worthy alternative to direct equity investment over the years has been humongous. According to the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI), the Assets Under Management (AUM) of the Indian MF industry has grown from ₹6.28 trillion in September 2009 to ₹24.51 trillion in September 2019, a four-fold increase in a decade. Depending on how the money is being invested, there are different categories of MFs based on asset class, structure and investment objective. On the basis of asset class, MFs are of the following type:

Equity funds: Here at least 70 per cent of the money is invested in stocks of listed firms. Equity funds can be further classified based on sectors like infrastructure funds, IT funds; size of the company like large cap, mid-cap; purpose, like equity-linked savings schemes that give benefit of tax savings; tracking an index through index funds; or fund of funds (FoF) which invests in other MFs.

Debt Funds: Here, majority investments are in debt instruments like Government bonds, firm debentures and other fixed income assets.

Hybrid/Balanced Funds: These invest in both the asset classes of equity and debt instruments with the proportion of equity and debt varying in different funds. A balanced fund could be 60 per cent invested in equities with remaining 40 per cent in debt or vice-versa.

Money Market Funds: These invest in money markets that are short-term in nature and are highly liquid and are mostly preferred by companies to park their idle cash and by large institutions and the Government to meet their short-term fund requirements.

MFs can also be categorised based on structure as open-ended or closed-ended. Although the industry is growing, investors are also increasingly concerned about fund selection and are demanding detailed information and investment advice. Due to the large number of funds, evaluating and selecting MFs can be challenging.

So what are the metrics that are used to analyse and compare the performance of different MFs? For debt schemes, credit rating is important as it is a known fact that debt funds are prone to interest rate risk, credit risk and liquidity exposure. While interest rate perils and liquidity exposure affect the returns and redemption of debt investments, the credit risk tends to affect the principal value of the investment. Hence, various credit rating agencies, like CRISIL, CARE, ICRA, measure and evaluate the credibility and creditworthiness of the borrower and these ratings are derived on the basis of the credentials of the entity, which may be the balance sheet, profit and loss statement, or any other financial information. Equity MF investors can also use several ratios to analyse the performance of their investments. It is a misconception that higher returns mean better performance, since returns cannot be judged in isolation and have to be simultaneously measured with the risk taken to generate the returns. This is where Sharpe Ratio is helpful, as it assesses the returns generated by a portfolio against per unit of risk undertaken. A higher Sharpe Ratio represents a higher return generated per unit of risk. Investors should also note that any ratio would only make sense if it is compared to the benchmark index.

Treynor Ratio, also known as reward-to-volatility ratio, like Sharpe Ratio, helps analyse returns in relation to the market risk of the fund except that it uses beta or market risk as the volatility measurement and gives the return over the risk-free per unit of market risk, whereas Sharpe Ratio uses standard deviation.

By comparing the beta of the investment to the volatility in the entire stock market, people can assess the risk associated with the investment. Stocks with a beta greater than one tend to increase and decrease in value faster and more quickly than stocks with a beta of less than one. Higher the Treynor Ratio, the better the performance under analysis. For instance, if the fund's average return is 10 per cent and the risk free rate is seven per cent, the difference becomes three per cent. If the historic beta of the fund is 1.5, then the Treynor Ratio is 2 (3 divided by 1.5). This means that in the past, the fund has given two units of return for one unit of its market risk.

Small investors, who are trying to make the most of their investments are often plagued by questions whether MFs are safe? Are they safer than direct equity investments?

MFs are an easier way for small investors to put money in the stock markets with low initial investment as they can get the benefit of any upswing in the prices of the shares because of the expertise of fund managers. However, small investors should be aware that since MFs in turn invest in shares, the returns are subject to the fluctuations of the stock market and are not fully insulated from it. The extent of risk, and also the returns come down with the inclusion of debt securities in the portfolio of MFs and investors should understand their risk tolerance before investing. MF investing can be a good alternative for small investors provided they tread with caution.

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POINT COUNTERPOINT

SHE'S (GABBARD) THE FAVOURITE OF THE RUSSIANS. THEY HAVE A BUNCH OF SITES AND BOTS AND OTHER WAYS OF SUPPORTING HER. —DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER HILLARY CLINTON



ANYBODY THAT IS OPPOSED TO HER (HILLARY) IS A RUSSIAN AGENT. THAT'S A SCAM THAT WAS PRETTY MUCH PUT DOWN. —US PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

Finding the path to happiness

Most actionable solutions to the findings of a recent survey on the status of women and their health, literacy and employment, will come through the digital revolution



BINDU DALMIA

Last week I had the pleasure of releasing *The Status of Women in India* report in Nagpur, which is a comprehensive survey conducted by the Sangh-linked organisation Dristhi Stree. I share my reflections in two parts on this very thought-provoking survey: The problems red-flagged in the report and how most of the solutions can be addressed through the big digital revolution in the offing in the country.

While the sample size of 74,000 is large, the fact remains that had more people from metropolitan cities and States with high literacy rates like Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala been included and more inputs been taken from professionals like bankers, lawyers, corporate executives and so on, the report might have arrived at better averages. Because while the real *Bharat* resides in its villages, it also comprises the aspirational class in the cities. In some areas the report is an eye-opener, while in some it just confirmed pre-conceived notions.

The following findings did not surprise anyone: Recently, India slipped 10 places in the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Competitiveness Index. This was attributed to a poor employable skill base, lack of worker protection rights and critically-low participation of women in the workforce. All three factors were accurately captured in this survey conducted last year, confirming the authenticity of the Dristhi methodology.

Workers from tribal areas are given low wages and subjected to trafficking and inhuman exploitation in the unorganised sector of domestic staff. Therefore, employment agencies must be accredited and regulated and the Government must ensure that statutory provisions for medical coverage, dignity of labour and minimum wages are enacted.

The survey revealed that there is an increased participation by women in voting, which shows that there is more understanding of local and national issues, enough for them to assert their electoral preference.

According to the survey, there is also a need to ensure that women, especially in the rural areas, are equipped to handle every adverse situation in life. Any social scientist would confirm that over-dependency is a complacent state of being, hence women must also learn how to cope with every contingency.

Because, with life expectancy increasing — and wives are known to outlive their husbands — in order not to be economically vulnerable, women need to be included in the decision-making process of deployment of family savings and understand the basics of matters like title-deed, financial securities and savings instruments. The report confirmed the healthy trend that "today one-third of the women participate in decision-making in the family", which was earlier a male domain.

The survey captured high dropout rates up to high school and that women were falling off the employment curve due to family responsibilities between the ages of 18 to 30 years, which is also the peak earning period for most people. The future success of globalised economies will lie in the increased participation of women. Regrettably, on the Gender Inequality Index, India ranks as low as 132 out of 136 countries. Gender parity is a basic human right and its

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achievement has multiplier socio-economic implications. Empowering women makes for thriving economies, elevates their self-worth and protects them from domestic violence. Further, according to the survey, Jan Dhan Yojana figures revealed that 79 per cent women have individual bank accounts, which is a step towards financial inclusion. However, just opening a bank account without earning adequate income is not enough. The Dristhi study confirmed the NABARD's (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development) pan-India findings — which had a larger sample size — that median income was between ₹5,000 and ₹20,000.

Most actionable solutions to Dristhi's findings on literacy, health and employment will come through the big digital revolution that is in the offing.

Low per capita income and low per capita savings can only increase through increased economic opportunities. The solution is rapid industrialisation of rural India by bringing employment to the villages. This can happen through increased digitisation and advancement of online commerce. Because rural women are hesitant to travel far in search of jobs and for skilling or educational purposes, we need to lower the cost of smartphones and increase internet penetration.

It is heartening that literacy rates improved to 79.63 per cent up to graduation levels. But acceleration is needed to improve the figure of 46 per cent in achieving primary literacy. To further improve India's low ratings in the Human Capital Index, NITI Aayog has proposed to increase education outlays from the current three per cent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to six per cent by 2022.

Our education system has remained static for too long and we are

ill-equipped for the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

The solution, according to the latest McKinsey report, lies in lifelong learning and upgradation of skills, so as to be continuously prepared for challenging technological disruptions and a paradigm shift from theoretical to experiential learning in specialised domains like agriculture, Information Technology, tourism and so on.

Online education through e-classrooms and skill training through distant learning will bridge the gaps in teaching quality of Government schools where there is a shortage of brick and mortar schools in villages, and bridge the low student-teacher ratio. There are mega e-learning platforms like Byju's and so on that have sprung up in the country, but awareness of these institutions is low. Increased digitisation will provide "stay-at-home employment" through e-commerce jobs for women in rural areas and Tier-1 and Tier-2 cities. Digital commerce brought millions out of poverty in China, as it linked the remotest craftsmen and farmers to the global marketplace. In India, we have the successful model of Khadi Gramodyog, that linked clusters and communities to national marketing networks, so as to get a market-linked price for their commodity.

As India progresses from being a high-cash economy towards a digital economy, even dispensing credit to those that lack credit histories and collaterals will become easier, as algorithms in future will determine creditworthiness of borrowers.

As regards healthcare, because India has a low patient-doctor ratio, and poor patient-hospital bed capacity, we need to progress to online doctor consultations. This will help take medical expertise to remote areas and fulfil the need for preventive care and diagnosis.

With this in mind, the NITI Aayog has proposed increased outlays for health from a paltry 1.5 per cent to three per cent of the GDP. Also, medical insurance premiums must be lowered for women, as only 20 per cent of them are covered by it at present.

However, the findings of the survey that surprised were that the Gross Happiness Index (GHI) scores were as high at 80 per cent, regardless of trying circumstances and stresses of daily life.

What was hard to endorse was that the survey found that "income has no influence on levels of happiness." I am sure that most would agree that money is not everything, but is surely a necessity for self-sufficiency.

To the contrary, the World Health Organisation's (WHO's) 2017 report on depression, shows India in the top 10 slot. It also states that depression has risen by 50 per cent in the last eight years.

Look at Punjab and Delhi, where substance abuse is on the rise and drugs are available freely in betel shops, the increase in farmer and student suicides and rise in divorce rates.

How can we be high on the GHI? There exists a powerful correlation between a country's economic development and social progress, and GHI is a composite picture of multiple feel-good factors linked to increased literacy levels and employment opportunities; increased per capita incomes and savings; advanced amenities for better living conditions; decrease in incidence of lawlessness and crime; social security; high quality and accessible healthcare; physical exercise and nurturing spiritual practices.

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Ayodhya holding its breath as verdict looms

The Supreme Court's ruling would have legal, political and religious ramifications. Though the apex court's order might put a lid on the legal aspect, its impact on politics and communal harmony will be equally significant



KALYANI SHANKAR

Ayodhya is getting ready to face the impact of the Supreme Court (SC) ruling on the Ram janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid title suit, next month. The verdict is expected to put a lid on the dispute between the two communities on the right of ownership of the site.

A violent mob of *Karsevaks* and prominent politicians had pulled down the mosque adjacent to the Ram temple in Ayodhya on December 6, 1992, which has tested the communal fabric of the country since then. The Hindus — represented by seven parties — have argued in the apex court that there was a temple dedicated to the birthplace of Lord Ram before the Babri Masjid was erected during

medieval times. The verdict is likely to be delivered before November 17, by which time the present Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi will be retiring.

The BJP leaders are upbeat and hoping for a favourable ruling. The party is happy that their "*Mandir wahin banayenge* (we will construct the temple on that spot)" slogan could at last become a reality, after a wait of nearly three decades.

Local BJP leaders claim that over 65 per cent of the stone carving work for the proposed temple has been completed and a lot of *Karsevaks* have volunteered to work for its construction. According to BJP MP Sakshi Maharaj, if the verdict goes in favour of the Hindus, Prime Minister Narendra Modi could lay the foundation stone on December 6.

Uttar Pradesh (UP) Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has also said that he is hopeful of a favourable ruling. He has already prepared the State administration to face a post-verdict scenario. The Faizabad District has been renamed as Ayodhya, which is

being developed as a tourist attraction with wider roads, spruced up ghats and refurbished heritage temples.

The Ayodhya verdict would have legal, political and religious ramifications. Though the apex court's order might put a lid on the legal aspect, its impact on politics and communal harmony will be equally significant.

It is likely that the two sides might accept the SC's judgment. Muslim religious scholars and leaders have also said that parties on both sides of the dispute should accept the verdict, whatever it may be.

It will be a big gain for the BJP, as the party's political and electoral fortunes in the past three decades owe their rise to it, as the BJP began its campaign for the Ram temple in the



from Somnath in Gujarat to Ayodhya in 1990. However, the yatra did not culminate in Ayodhya as planned, as Advani was arrested.

The Babri Masjid demolition not only changed the political narrative of the country but it also helped the BJP establish itself in national politics.

Post the Babri Masjid demolition, the BJP acquired a national identity and stature. The party, which was known as a Bania-Brahmin party and had a strong presence only in the Hindi belt, has expanded as a pan-

national party now, replacing the grand old party, the Congress.

The Ayodhya agenda has been a recurring theme, to which the Sangh Parivar and its affiliates, most importantly the BJP, have returned to again and again. The party has been consistently talking about building the Ram temple and had included it in its poll manifesto since 1996.

However, after the demolition, Advani had said that "the agitation is not just for constructing a temple, but to propagate Hindutva's foundational idea — cultural nationalism."

Other political parties, including the Congress, Samajwadi Party (SP), the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) have been treading on the issue very cautiously.

Seeing the phenomenal rise of the BJP, the Congress has also been trying to play soft-Hindutva politics in recent times, with party leaders like Rahul Gandhi visiting temples before elections. The SP, BSP, RJD and other parties relevant in the '90s have lost their sheen now.



FOREIGN EYE



SOMETHING TO PONDER ABOUT

The size of the Extinction Rebellion (XR) protests over the past year add weight to the idea that people in this decade were in revolt before they had any clear idea what form a revolution might take. Politically it looked like a whole generation was up for grabs. In the beginning of the decade this anger veered leftwards with movements like Occupy, but at the end it has moved greenwards, under XR. The question is how much of the country will go with it.

(The Guardian editorial)

(The writer is a senior journalist)

IN ASSAM

No Govt jobs for those with more than 2 kids from 2021

PTI ■ GUWAHATI

The Assam Cabinet on Monday decided that no Government jobs will be given to persons having more than two children after January 1, 2021.

The important decision was taken at a Cabinet meeting held late Monday evening that also adopted a New Land Policy, which will give three bighas of agricultural land to landless indigenous people and half a bigha for constructing a house.

A communique from the Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal's public relations cell



stated that those having more than two children will not be considered for Government jobs with effect from January 1, 2021 as per the small family norm.

In September 2017, the Assam Assembly had passed the 'Population and Women

Empowerment Policy of Assam' that specified that job candidates with two children only would be eligible for government employment and the existing government staff were to strictly follow the two children family norm.

"New Land Policy was adopted. Three bighas of land will be given to landless indigenous people. Landless people will be offered half a bigha to construct their houses. These cannot be sold for 15 years," the CMO statement said.

The Cabinet meeting also decided to increase the bus fares in the State by 25 per cent, it added.

Religious fanatics running schools to brainwash youth: Mamata Banerjee

Siliguri: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday said religious fanatics have set up schools in the northern part of the State to "brainwash" younger generations.

Without naming anyone, she said this was a part of an attempt to spark communal violence in the region.

Speaking at an administrative review meeting of Cooch Behar, Alipurduar and Jalpaiguri districts in Uttarkanya (branch secretariat) here, Banerjee said, "A radical religious outfit has set up several schools in these three districts of north Bengal to be able to take control of our State."

"The money (to run such

institutions) is coming from outside. The teachers in these schools get a monthly salary of ₹ 20,000 to brainwash the students."

Those threatening to implement Citizenship (Amendment) Bill and National Register of Citizens (NRC) are conspiring to fuel trouble in the State, she stated.

"These are the people who are striking off names (from citizenship list). They are pitting one section against another by threatening to bring NRC and Citizenship bill. This is a part of an attempt to spark communal violence," the Chief Minister maintained.

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

The five per cent fall in the number of voters who cast their votes in the Nanguneri by-election has cast a shadow on the confidence of both the leading contenders, Ruby Manoharan (Congress) and V Narayanan (AIADMK).

According to Tamil Nadu Election Commission, Nanguneri recorded 66.35 per cent polling on Monday while the constituency had seen 71.35 per cent polling in the 2016 assembly election.

Adding to the woes of the Congress (which is supported by the Congress) and the AIADMK, thousands and thousands of Devendra Kula Vellalars stayed away from the polling station to

drive home the significance of their demand to delisting them from the Scheduled Caste and elevation as OBC. The Pioneer had reported about the unique and rare demand raised by the leader of Puthiya Tamilagam Party, Dr K Krishnasamy that the State and Centre Governments for integrating seven sub-sects as Devendra Kula Vellalars and removing them from the ambit of the provisions of the Scheduled Caste.

"It was an aberration of history and that has to be corrected. We were not Scheduled Caste people but a class of land owning farming community which specialized in wet-land farming," Dr Krishnasamy has told this newspaper. Voters belonging to the Devendra Kula Vellar in Nanguneri con-

stituency boycotted Monday's by-poll and hoisted black flags atop their residences and all public places in the villages. The decision of the DKV community to stay away from the polling would affect the prospects of the AIADMK because the Puthiya Tamilagam is a constituent of the NDA in Tamil Nadu.

Dr Krishnasamy refused to say anything about the poll prospects of the AIADMK in the backdrop of the DKV's decision to boycott the poll. Southern Tamil Nadu has a considerable population of the Devendra Kula Vellalars and they are capable of tilting the balance in many constituencies in the region, said Krishna Pillai, an activist of the AIADMK from Kanyakumari.

Darjeeling BJP MP's car attacked in Kalimpong

Darjeeling: The BJP MP of Darjeeling Raju Bista was on Tuesday shown black flag and his car was attacked in West Bengal's Kalimpong district by alleged activists of TMC and Binay Tamang faction of the GJM.

The GJM faction of Tamang and the TMC have denied the charges as baseless and politically motivated. A police contingent arrived at the spot and dispersed the mob.

The incident took place at a time when West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is on a tour of north Bengal. She is scheduled to arrive in Kalimpong after her administrative meeting in Siliguri.

According to sources, the incident took place on Tuesday afternoon when Bista along with his personal security officer (PSO) and two other officials was on his way to Kalimpong.

"When I arrived at Sinji area of Kalimpong to inaugu-



rate a primary school, hundreds of supporters of Binay Tamang surrounded my car and raised slogans against me and the BJP Government. They waved black flags and banged on my car. Then all of a sudden they started pelting stones on it. When I tried to pacify them they threw stones at my PSO," Bista told PTI over phone.

A huge police contingent rushed to the spot and controlled the situation. It started investigation into it.

Reacting to the allegations, Suraj, a senior GJM leader of the Tamang faction, said none of its activists were involved in the incident.

PTI

No one can touch reservation till Modi Govt is at the Centre: Sushil

Patna: Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi on Tuesday alleged that a false propaganda is being spread that reservation will be abolished by the BJP and emphatically said the job quota cannot be touched by anybody till Narendra Modi Government is in power.

Addressing a State-level Ravidas conference here, he said the BJP is in favour of reservation in promotion and against introducing creamy layer provision for the SC and ST categories.

The senior Bihar BJP leader said Modi Government has strengthened provisions of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 through an amendment bill which was passed by Parliament.

"The Modi Government added 23 new sections in the Act through an amendment bill passed by Parliament. The



Government restored the original provisions (that no discriminatory bill be granted to the accused) in the Act which was diluted by the Supreme Court," he said. Later, the apex court also held the amendment act legally valid, he added.

Notably, the amendment bill was passed by both the Houses of Parliament in August 2018. The central Government also increased 25 per cent compensation amount for dalits who are victim of atrocities, he said.

"No one can even touch the provisions of reservation till Narendra Modi Government is there at the centre," he said.

PTI

No Ramrajya in UP, BJP Govt taken lessons from Ravan: Akhilesh

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

Trashing the BJP claim of good Governance in Uttar Pradesh, Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday said calling the State "Ramrajya" was unfair to Lord Ram. "Ram ko dhoka hai" (It's cheating Ram)," Yadav said while accusing the Bharatiya Janata Party in the State of having taken lessons from "Kalyug Ravan", the demon king.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has claimed in the past that the State is moving towards the ideal of "Ramrajya".

"They say there is Ramrajya in the State. Yeh Ram ko dhoka hai. It seems they have learnt from Ravan and that is why they are working as Kalyug Ravan," Akhilesh Yadav said in an interview to PTI.

He claimed Adityanath has failed on all fronts and development taken a backseat.

"I can't call him Yogi as his behaviour is against what Lord Krishna has preached in the Gita," Yadav said.

"Had there been an insti-

tution where a complaint can be registered for using the term 'yogi', I would have been the first one to do so as he cannot provide justice to the people."

Citing an alleged fake encounter in which a Jhansi man Pushpendra Yadav was shot dead by police, Yadav said, "Anyone can be killed in this regime. There is no law and order. The police are killing the innocent and the Government, instead of punishing them, is shielding criminals."

Incidents of crime, particularly rape and murder, have increased, he alleged.

"The BJP is ruling by creating terror. Those who raise their voice against misdeeds are silenced. Corruption has increased manifold and there is no development work going on the ground due to which all sections of society are aggrieved," he said.

He referred to the recent murder in Lucknow of the leader of a little-known Hindutva outfit.

"The CM has met the fam-



ily members of slain Kamlesh Tiwari. What did they get? The mother is not satisfied with the probe. Hope the CM listens to what she is saying," he said.

About the SP preparations to counter the BJP in the 2022 Assembly polls, Yadav said, "Our party is all geared up and has emerged as the only hope of the people, who are realising their mistake of choosing the BJP."

"We talk of development and our cadre will move ahead with this agenda," he added.

He ruled out an alliance with the Congress, the Bahujan Samaj Party or any other group.

"(Assembly) elections are far but our party men are not

in favour of an alliance. We don't intend to stitch up alliances," he said. The SP-BSP alliance ahead of the Lok Sabha elections unravelled soon after the results were declared.

On a possible patch-up with his feuding uncle Shival Singh Yadav, who founded Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party (Lohia), Yadav denied any such move. "Nothing," he replied.

Asked if his party is withdrawing its disqualification petition against Shival Yadav from the state assembly, he said, "We have given the petition. It's up to the assembly Speaker to decide. We are not withdrawing it."

The move to withdraw the petition had triggered speculation that the Shival Yadav may come back to the SP-fold.

On Monday's bypolls for 11 assembly seats in UP, Yadav predicted that the number of votes for the BJP will go down, "despite their having used all tricks and the blatant misuse of official machinery."

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General public is hereby informed that a girl (depicted in the photo), **Namely : Maya D/o : Babu Lal R/o : Jhuggi No. G-124, Jahangir Puri, Delhi** is missing/kidnapped since 09.10.2019. In this regard a case vide DD Entry No. 75-A dated 09.10.2019 has been lodged at PS Jahangir Puri, Delhi. His physical description is as under :-

MAYA Age: 18 Years 4 Months, Height: 5'4", Complexion : Shallow, Built : Thin, Face : Round, Wearing : Unknown. Any person having any information/clue about this missing/kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Jahangir Puri, Delhi at E-mail : clc@cbl.gov.in or Website: <http://cbl.nic.in>. **SHO P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi North-West Distt., Delhi Ph. No. 011-27636000, 27631600**

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

No. :- 74-W/2/3/WA/Publication		Dated : 19.10.2019
SRD/EN/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders according following tenders closing date 18.11.2019 16:00. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes, available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.		
Tender No. Date	158-DRM-MB-19-20 Date - 10.10.19	
Name of work	Manufacturing, supplying & loading of 60900 cum Machine crushed stone ballast of 65mm gauge as per Rly specification at Khurja city depot under DEN/Track.	
Tender Closing Date Time	18.11.2019 16:00	
Advertised Value (Rs.)	83000001.00	
Earnest Money (Rs.)	565000.00	
Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)	10000.00	
Bidding Start Date	04.11.2019	
Validity of offer (Days)	45 Days	
Period of completion	6 Months	

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No.SSA/Esst/Gunotsav/Technical Matter/979/2017/9773 Date: 22/10/2019 Mission Director, Arom Sarba Siksha Abhiyan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites tender through e-Tendering process from reputed agency having in execution of pre and post examination related work i.e. scanning of OMR using ICR/OCR/OMR technology and creation of database with necessary validation, Evaluation of Answer script etc. for Pre and Post Examination related activities. To participate in this tender process through e-procurement document, bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of class-II (minimum) and have to register in the portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in> by themselves. The Bidder who have downloaded the tender schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website <https://assamtenders.gov.in> with proof of payment of non refundable tender fee of Rs. 5000/- (Five thousands) for each tender as demand draft/ Bankers Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Sarba Siksha Abhiyan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam, from any nationalized Bank and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.



Sd/- Mission Director, SSA, Assam, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

RAPE CASE

Local court in UP dismisses Chinmayanand's plea to book student under Gangster Act

Shahjahanpur: A local court on Tuesday dismissed a petition from BJP leader Swami Chinmayanand, who is accused of rape by a law student, demanding that the Gangster Act should be slapped on the woman and three others for trying to blackmail him.

Chief Judicial Magistrate Omveer Singh dismissed the petition saying it was not in his jurisdiction. He directed that it should be moved before the relevant court. Chinmayanand's lawyer Pooja Singh told PTI. Chinmayanand had also sent a letter to the State police chief demanding that the stringent Uttar Pradesh Gangsters and Anti-social Activities (Prevention) Act should be invoked against the woman and her three friends.

While the former Union Minister has been booked under the Indian Penal Code's section 376C, a charge short of rape, the woman and three others face a separate extortion case.

They were arrested last month on the basis Chinmayanand's complaint that they tried to extort ₹5 crore, threatening to upload online video clips showing him



getting messages from her.

According to the petition, Sachin Sengar, one the accused in the extortion case, had come to meet Chinmayanand at his home on August 9. He allegedly told Chinmayanand that he had all the evidence with him and a false case will be lodged if the former Minister did not pay up.

The petition claimed that Sanjay Sengar has been earlier booked in two cases, including one for attempt to murder, at Shahjahanpur's Tilhar police station. The plea alleged that cases have also been lodged against the student's father. It levelled allegations against the woman's mother as well.

Chinmayanand has been booked under section 376C of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), which is usually applied in cases where a person abuses his position to "induce or seduce" a woman under his charge to have "sexual intercourse not amounting to the offence of rape."

PTI

Student files bail plea, HC seeks reply from Chinmayanand's counsel

Allahabad: The Allahabad High Court on Tuesday gave two weeks to the police and BJP leader Chinmayanand's lawyer to file their objections to a bail plea by the law student who has accused the politician of rape.

While the former Union Minister has been booked under the Indian Penal Code's section 376C, a charge short of rape, the woman and three others face a separate case of trying to blackmail him.

A special investigation (SIT) of the Uttar Pradesh police has been probing the parallel cases.

Seeking bail for her, the Shahjahanpur woman's counsel argued that she is a victim of sexual harassment and all allegations against her are fabricated.

However, counsel for the State Government and Swami Chinmayanand opposed the bail plea, arguing that she is the main accused in the extortion case and there is sufficient evidence to prove it. They sought more time to file a counter affidavit.

Justice Siddharth granted two weeks' time to the SIT and Chinmayanand's counsel to file their reply and fixed

November 6 as next date of hearing.

The SIT had booked the law student and three others on a complaint made by Chinmayanand that they had demanded ₹5 crore from him, while threatening the release of objectionable videos.

The videos mostly relate to the messages Chinmayanand got from the woman, who claims she secretly filmed them as evidence of sexual abuse she allegedly suffered.

The woman studied at a college run by the BJP leader's ashram. Meanwhile, the SIT also submitted in the high court a status report in the case against Chinmayanand. The court fixed November 28 as next date of hearing and asked the SIT to submit a further report by that day.

The bench of Justices Manoj Mishra and Pankaj Bhatia directed that the SIT should also submit the forensic report by the next date if it has received it.

The forensic report is mainly required to match voices heard in the video clips with those involved in the case.

PTI

Two BSP leaders garlanded with shoes, paraded outside party office in Rajasthan

Jaipur: Two BSP leaders were garlanded with shoes, their faces blackened and paraded outside the party office on Tuesday by its workers who alleged corruption in ticket allocation in the 2018 Rajasthan Assembly polls.

The BSP workers also made Ramji Gautam, the national coordinator, sit on a donkey and paraded him and former state unit chief Sitaram outside the party office in Bani Park here.

"Our workers are upset with the leaders. The workers were active on the ground for five years but parachute candidates from the BJP and Congress were given ticket in lieu of money. BSP workers and leaders are being ignored and exploited," a BSP worker present there said.

He said they held three demonstrations in the state but the leaders did not convey their plight to BSP chief Mayawati. "Therefore, we had to take this step," he said.

Following the incident, Mayawati has dissolved the state committee of the BSP and lashed out at the Congress. In a tweet in Hindi, she alleged that the Congress first indulged in horse-trading and now it was getting BSP leaders attacked in Rajasthan.

PTI

Any effort to save triple talaq will be futile: UP Min



Lucknow: A day after a Muslim body challenged the law criminalising instant triple talaq in the Supreme Court, Uttar Pradesh Minister Chetan Chauhan on Tuesday said any effort to save the malpractice, which became a "custom" because of slackness of previous Governments, will prove futile.

"Several Muslim countries have put a ban on triple talaq. It is difficult to understand why the AIMPLB has knocked on the doors of the Supreme Court against the new law," he said.

"This new law is in the interest of Muslim women and any effort to challenge it in the court will prove to be futile," the Minister said.

The All India Muslim Personal Law Board on Monday filed a plea in the apex court, challenging The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019, which makes talaq-e-biddat or any other similar form of talaq, having the effect of instantaneous and irrevocable divorce pronounced by a Muslim husband, void and illegal.

Chauhan said because of the slackness of previous governments, a malpractice went on to become a custom.

PTI

BSF keeping close eye on Pak's actions across border: Official

Jaisalmer: The BSF is keeping a close eye on Pakistan's actions across the border and is capable of dealing with any situation, a top official of the force said on Tuesday.

Border Security Force (BSF), Inspector General, Rajasthan Frontier, Amit Lodha, who is on a two-day visit to Jaisalmer, also said steps are being taken to further strengthen the border guarding force.

The BSF is alert and ready to deal with all situations on the India-Pakistan border in Rajasthan, he told reporters.

On spotting of drones near the border, the inspector gen-



eral made it clear that the BSF has information about all actions.

The force always tries to maintain better coordination with people living near the

border, Lodha said.

The BSF has launched a scheme 'ghar aangan' to maintain a better rapport with villagers and positive results are being seen, he said.

PTI

P.WAY AND OTHER ANCILLARY WORKS AT ALIPURDUAR JN.

E-Tender Notice No. CON/APD/J/ 2019/OCT/01; Dated: 17-10-2019. Open tender through e-tendering system is invited from experienced and reputed Contractor(s)/firm(s) for the following works: E-Tender No. CON/APD/JN-GM/ 2019/01. Name of work: At Falakata, P.Way and other ancillary works during NI works and assistance to track machines in connection with New Maynaguri - Gumanihat BG Doubling project. Tender Value: ₹2.25,48,280.00; Earnest Money: ₹2,62,800.00. E-tender will be closed at 14:30 hrs. on 18-11-2019 and opened at 15.00 hrs. on 18-11-2019. For Details Please visit www.ireps.gov.in. Dy.Chief Engineer/Con, Alipurduar Jn, NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY (Construction Organisation) "Serving Customers with a smile"

Cong for jammers in strong rooms

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Apprehending "tampering" of the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) ahead of the counting of votes on October 24, the Opposition Congress in Maharashtra on Tuesday demanded that "network jammers" be installed in and around strong rooms where the EVMs are stored and that "certain" VVPAT machines be made available for physical verification of votes polled through EVMs.

A day after the State Assembly polls, Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) president Balasaheb Thorat— in a representation made to the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Maharashtra, said that "a large section of our citizens apprehend that these EVMs can be tampered with" and sought installation of "network jammers" in and around strong rooms storing EVMs in



all 288 Assembly constituencies in the State.

"The citizens of our country at large fear that the said EVMs can be tampered via various wireless networks like mobile towers, Wi-Fi networks etc. Hence we feel that the installation of 'network jammers' is highly necessary in and around strong rooms where these EVMs are stored till counting. These jammers should be installed during the counting process as well," Thorat said, urging the CEO to install network jammers in all 288 Assembly constituencies in the State immediately.

Thorat also requested the election authorities "to make and declare the result sheet for each round of counting and for that particular round. "Only after result sheet for that particular round is prepared, duly signed by the returning officer and provided to all the parties, then the EVMs of next round should be opened for counting. Prior to this, any request for recount should be considered round-wise," he said.

The MPCC chief said that as per the guidelines of the Election Commission, "certain" VVPATs be made available for physical verification. "We hereby request you to grant our candidates liberty to select the EVMs to be tested against the VVPAT slips out of the total EVMs available," he said.

In another request to the CEO, Thorat said—"in any doubtful EVM case, the same

machine be allowed for counting four times in a row at that moment".

The MPCC chief went on to reiterate the Opposition parties' demand for testing 50 per cent of EVMs against VVPAT for physical verification. The MPCC's demand for installation of "network jammers and for "physical verification of votes polled in EVMs through "certain" VVPAT machines should be seen in the context of an electoral rout of the Opposition Congress-NCP alliance predicted by the exit polls which have suggested that the two parties would win collectively anywhere from the 41 to 90 seats in Monday's state Assembly polls.

The Congress and NCP, it may be recalled, had won 42 and 41 seats (out of the total 288 Assembly seats in the state) respectively in the 2014 State Assembly polls.

Maha villagers claim every vote cast went in BJP's favour

Pune: Voters in a Maharashtra village have claimed that an EVM malfunction during Lok Sabha bypoll on Monday resulted in votes cast for any candidate going into BJP's account, a claim denied by election officials.

Kirti Nalawade, the returning officer for the Koregaon Assembly segment in Western Maharashtra, where this village is located, said the EVM was replaced but it (replacement) had "nothing to do" with the claims.

Villagers said votes cast in favour of the NCP nominee Srinivas Patil were going into the "account" of BJP candidate Udayanraje Bhosale, a claim district poll officials rejected.

"When Deepak Raghunath Pawar, a villager, went to cast

his vote, the same thing happened," said Sayaji Nikam, former deputy Sarpanch of the village.

Nikam's claims were echoed by villagers Rohini Pawar, Ananda Pawar, Pralhad Jadhav and Dilip Wagh.

NCP legislator Shahshikant Shinde said he was witness to such a thing happening when he visited the polling booth at the Navlewadi village of Koregaon tehsil in Satara district.

Shinde said the Election Commission should take a serious note of this incident and initiate steps to check its recurrence. He said when he reached the polling station and raised the issue with the election officials from the booth, they hurriedly changed the EVM machine.

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Deepika Padukone, PV Sindhu flag-bearers of PM's 'Bharat Ki Laxmi' initiative

Mumbai: Actor Deepika Padukone and shuttler PV Sindhu on Tuesday were named the ambassadors for 'Bharat Ki Laxmi', an initiative by Prime Minister Narendra Modi that aims at bringing commendable work done by women across the nation to light ahead of the Diwali festival.

The Prime Minister shared a video on the new campaign underscoring the cause of women empowerment. "India's Nari Shakti epitomises talent and tenacity, determination and dedication. Our ethos has always taught us to strive for women empowerment."

"Through this video, @Pvsindhu1 and @deepikapadukone excellently convey the message of celebrating

#BharatKiLaxmi," the PM wrote on Twitter.

Deepika and Sindhu registered their support for the campaign on the microblogging site.

"This Diwali, let us throw light on & celebrate the contribution & accomplishments of the women of our country! #BharatKiLaxmi," Deepika wrote as she shared the video.

Sindhu said societies grow when women are empowered and their accomplishments are given a place of pride.

"I support PM @narendramodi ji #BharatKiLaxmi movement. It celebrates extraordinary achievements of extraordinary women of India. This Diwali, let's celebrate womanhood," she added in the tweet.

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Mirchi aide held in money-laundering case sent to ED custody til Oct 24

Mumbai: A Mumbai court on Tuesday sent a close aide of gangster Iqbal Mirchi, who was an associate of global terrorist Dawood Ibrahim, to the Enforcement Directorate custody till October 24.

Humayun Merchant was arrested under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) here on Monday night, according to the central probe agency.

He was produced before PMLA judge P Rajivaidya, who remand him to ED custody till October 24. Merchant is being probed by ED in connection with illegal real-estate deals of Mirchi, who died in London in 2013, and his family. The agency arrested two other people in this case earlier this month.

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Bengal Guv slams Didi Govt again

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ SAJNAKHALI

A day after venting his grievances against the Trinamool Congress and its senior Ministers for humiliating his chair, a furious Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar on Tuesday once again slammed the State administration for dereliction of duty.

The Governor who had a prescheduled programme to meet elected representatives and senior officials of South 24 Parganas district on Tuesday and directed the District Collector accordingly, complained that none of the elected representatives and officials were present at the venue so that he was compelled to abandon his programme.

"When I enquired that why the elected representatives and other senior officials were not present I was told that there was no prior permission from the State Government in this regard. This is not accept-



able. Am I subservient to the State Government?" the Governor said, adding "the cultured people of Bengal will find it difficult to digest."

A visibly angry Dhankhar wondered whether "attending a meeting called by a Governor is beneath the dignity of the District Magistrates and senior Police Officers."

He asked, "before whom they (DMs South and North 24 Parganas) are trying to prove their credibility," without naming Chief Minister Mamta Banerjee.

The Governor's repeated attempts to conduct adminis-

trative meetings in North Bengal and South Bengal have allegedly been spiked by the State Government, Raj Bhavan sources say.

Reacting to Dhankhar's comments TMC leader and State Minister R.N Ghosh said, "Being a constitutional head he cannot enjoy administrative power. It is for the Chief Minister to convene such administrative meetings."

While TMC MPs like Pratima Mandal and MLAs like Sukumar Mahato said they had not been invited to the meeting by the Governor's House wondering whether he at all had the power to do so, senior minister Partha Chatterjee left it on the Chief Minister to counter the Governor's argument.

Reacting strongly to Tuesday's development State BJP President Dilip Ghosh said, "there is no administration, no democracy, no regard for the constitution in Bengal."

TEJPAL RAPE CASE Victim cross-examined by defence for 2nd day

Panaji: The woman who lodged a sexual assault case against Tehelka magazine founder Tarun Tejpal was cross-examined by the defence counsel for the second consecutive day in a Goa court on Tuesday.

She appeared before the court for the first time on Monday for the trial, which was being held in-camera.

District Judge Shama Joshi in Mapusa town of North Goa was hearing the case against Tejpal lodged by his former colleague, who was cross-examined by the defence counsel on Tuesday.

Tejpal was present during the trial.

Later, Tejpal's lawyer Ravij Gomes said the cross-examination will continue on Wednesday also.

A Supreme Court bench in

August asked the Goa court to complete the trial in the case, preferably within six months, and refused Tejpal's plea to quash the First Information Report (FIR) filed against him.

Tejpal allegedly sexually assaulted the complainant inside an elevator of a five-star hotel in Goa in 2013.

He has denied the allegations levelled against him.

Tejpal was arrested on November 30, 2013 by the crime branch after his anticipatory bail plea was rejected by the court. He has been out on bail since May 2014.

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

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

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

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(G)	(H)
1.	Satyaveer Singh (Borrower), Suran (Co Borrower) LBDEL00001386142	Flat No. 1, 1st Floor, Plot No. S-2 Blik-A Shilmar Garden Extn- 2 Ghaziabad, U.P. 201002 Area - 600sq. Ft.	Rs. 2,813,529.43/- (as on October 7, 2019.)	Rs. 22,20,000/- From Rs. 2,22,000/-	November 13, 2019 From 12 Noon to 1:00 P.M.	November 29, 2019 From 11 A.M. Onwards

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link - "https://eauctions.samil.in") of our auction agency **Shriram Automall India Ltd.** The Mortgagee/notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **November 28, 2019, before 5:00 P.M.** else these secured assets will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit their offer along with the earnest money deposit (refer column E) in a sealed envelope that mentions "Offer for purchase of property" to **ICICI Bank Limited, 2nd Floor Videocon Tower, Block E-1, Jhandewalan Extension, Rani Jhansi Road, Delhi-110055** or to our marketing agent **Shriram Automall India Ltd at 2nd Floor, Best Sky Tower, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampura, New Delhi-110034** on or before **November 28, 2019 before 5:00 P.M.** The marketing agency has also been engaged as auctioneer for proper conduct of auction. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at DD/PO.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Bank Limited on **8657476284/8584874809** or **Shriram Automall India Ltd on 9910453434**. Tenders which are acknowledged by the Bank/e-auction vendor official and registered before the cut-off time with complete details shall only be considered for auction.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date: **October 23, 2019**
Place: **Delhi NCR**

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

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NIT NO. 05 (2019-20)

S. No.	Name of Work	Amount Put to tender	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Tender Fees (Rs.) (Non Refundable)	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date/time of submission of tender through e-procurement solution	Tender ID
1.	Re-boring of 05 nos. tube wells at (i) 7&8 Block, Malviya Nagar (ii) B-100, Malviya Nagar (iii) Prithvi Park, Khirki Village (iv) NCD Hospital, Malviya Nagar, (v) Toot Sarai Village under Malviya Nagar Constituency	29,50,956/-	59,200/-	500/-	22.10.2019	04.11.2019 upto 03:00 pm	2019_DJB_182695_1

NOTE:- Any further amendment/corrigendum made in this NIT will be uploaded and can only be seen on website <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

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NIT NO. 50(S-I) (2019-20)

S. No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1	Replacement of sewer lines from H.No. C- 705 to T-9/1 ward no. 3 (near Kalka Das), H.No. 281B to C-281/20 (Sunita Yadav), Near 211 C , 177 F-8, Prince Public School, Gausaha Gate N-2 to 266 P/20 ward no. 2 in Mehrauli Township in Mehrauli Constituency AC-45 under EE(South)-I	28,80,387/-	2019_DJB_182592_1 21.10.2019	11.11.2019 upto 3:00 PM
2	Replacement of old/damaged/ silted up sewer lines near Peepal Chowk Valmiki Basti Near Valmiki Mandir, old BDO office & H.No. 243/8 in Mehrauli in Mehrauli Constituency AC-45 under EE(South)-I	30,36,633/-	2019_DJB_182592_2 21.10.2019	11.11.2019 upto 3:00 PM

NIT along with all the terms & conditions is available on Web <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>.

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KAMLESH TIWARI MURDER CASE

Accused forged colleague's Aadhaar card to join HSP

Surat: Surat resident Ashfaq Shaikh, a prime suspect in the Kamlesh Tiwari murder case, allegedly impersonated his colleague by forging the latter's Aadhaar card to join the Hindu Samaj Party (HSP) of the slain leader.

Tiwari (45), who headed HSP, was killed at his home in Naka Hindola area in Lucknow on October 18. He was earlier associated with a faction of the Hindu Mahasabha.

Shaikh and another suspect Moinuddin who have been on run have emerged as the key accused in the murder. Shaikh allegedly replaced his colleague Rohit Solanki's photo on the latter's Aadhaar card with his own. He also changed the birth date on the Aadhaar card.

Solanki told reporters that he had no idea about Shaikh's acts before his name cropped up in the murder. "I used work as a medical representative for a pharma company and forged the Aadhaar card to assumed my identity".

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For Bharat Bhushan Finance & Commodity Brokers Limited
Sd/-
(Nisha Ahuja)
Director
Place: New Delhi
Date: 23-10-2019

Kerala MP's wife equates fate with rape, draws netizens ire

Kochi: The title of a Facebook post put up by Congress MP Hibi Eden's wife, drawing an analogy between fate and rape, has created an uproar on the social media. Hibi Eden represents Ernakulam constituency. "Fate is like rape, if you can't resist it, then try to enjoy it," wrote Anna Lina Eden on top of two video clips posted on the site to depict the plight of her daughter and husband Eden during the floods following rains in Kochi on Monday. While one video showed her daughter being evacuated from their waterlogged residence on Monday, another clips showed her husband enjoying a sizzler somewhere.

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male **Age: about 23 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, Build: Thin, Face: Long, Wearing: Shirt and pant**, was found injured in a road accident at Seemapuri Guru Dwara. He was admitted in GTB Hospital. Where he died. In this regard a **FIR No. 628/19 u/s 279/337 IPC** dated **19.10.2019** has been lodged at P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi.

If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

SHO
P.S. Nand Nagari, Delhi
Ph. No.: 011-22583307, 22585985

DP/7409/NE/19



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General public is hereby informed that one unknown dead body of male, Age 45 years, Height 5'5", Complexion Shallow, Round Face, Wearing Blue, green colour checkdar shirt & grey colour pant and blue colour underwear was found dead at Ring Road near divider under Matro Flyover Apposite 12 Area of PS R.K. Puram, New Delhi on 06.10.19. In this regard a DD No. 37-A dated 06.10.19 has been lodged at PS R.K. Puram, New Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned.

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Infosys probing alleged 'unethical practices'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

IT services giant Infosys Ltd on Tuesday said it is investigating claims by anonymous whistleblowers accusing CEO Salil Parekh of "unethical practices" to shore up profits through irregular accounting, sending its shares to their worst intra-day fall in over six years.

Chairman and co-founder Nandan Nilekani pledged a full probe, saying the complaint had been placed before the audit committee on October 10 and before the non-executive members of the board the next day.

A September 20 letter, signed by "Ethical Employees", had alleged that Parekh as well as Chief Financial Officer Nilanjana Roy engaged in forced revenue recognition from large contracts not adhering to accounting standards.

Its American Depository Receipts were trading nearly 2 per cent down on the New York Stock Exchange on Tuesday.

US-based Rosen Law Firm has said it is preparing a class action lawsuit to recover losses suffered by Infosys investors. In a statement, Rosen Law Firm said it is "investigating potential securities claims on behalf of shareholders of



Infosys Ltd resulting from allegations that Infosys may have issued materially misleading business information to the investing public."

"Rosen Law Firm is preparing a class action lawsuit to recover losses suffered by Infosys investors," the statement added.

The letter — dated September 20 — addressed to the board claimed that recent big deal wins carried negligible margins and that Roy directed certain people to make wrong assumptions to show margins. The latest allegations came

just two years after Infosys endured an internal turmoil that saw its then head Vishal Sikka resigning from the company.

In a statement to stock exchanges, Nilekani said the audit committee has begun consultation with independent internal auditors EY and has retained law firm Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co to conduct an independent investigation.

He said one board member had received two anonymous complaints on September 30, 2019 - one dated September 20,

2019, titled "Disturbing unethical practices" and an undated note with the title "Whistleblower Complaint".

He said both had been placed before the audit committee on October 10, 2019, and before the non-executive members of the board the following day.

"Post the board meeting of October 11, 2019, the audit committee began consultation with the independent internal auditors (Ernst & Young) on terms of reference for their prima facie investigation. The audit committee has now retained the law firm of Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co (October 21, 2019) to conduct an independent investigation," Nilekani noted in his statement.

The board, in consultation with the audit committee, will take such steps as may be appropriate based on the outcome of the investigation, he added. The whistleblower complaint by a group that calls itself "ethical employees" had alleged CEO Salil Parekh and CFO Nilanjana Roy were indulging in "unethical practices" to boost short-term revenue and profits.

"We have high respect for all of you and bring to your notice the unethical practices of CEO in recent quarters. The

same measures are taken up in the current quarter also to boost short term revenue and profits," the letter addressed to the board of directors dated September 20, read.

The whistleblowers said they have emails and voice recordings on these matters.

Infosys on Monday had said the whistleblower complaint has been placed before the audit committee as per the company's practice, and that it will be dealt with in accordance with the company's whistleblower policy.

Nilekani, in his statement on Tuesday, said the company was made aware of another letter (dated October 3) that was purportedly written to the Office of Whistleblower protection programme, Washington DC. This letter referred to the September 20, 2019, complaint, and to emails and voice recordings in support of the allegations.

"These complaints are being dealt with in an objective manner. The undated whistleblower complaint largely deals with allegations relating to the CEO's international travel to the US and Mumbai," Nilekani pointed out.

"Although we have not been provided any of the emails

or voice recordings, we will ensure that the generalised allegations are investigated to the fullest extent. Additionally, to ensure independence in these investigations, the CEO and CFO have been recused from this matter," Nilekani added.

He also noted that Infosys' statutory auditors, Deloitte, India, have been "completely updated" on this matter post the October 11 Board meeting.

In 2017, Infosys had witnessed a protracted stand-off between its high profile founders and the previous management over allegations of governance lapses and issues relating to severance package doled out to former executives, including ex-CFO Rajiv Bansal.

Following the tussle, the then CEO Vishal Sikka quit followed by some board members. Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani was then brought in as Chairman to steer the company. Parekh joined the company in January last year as the CEO.

Infosys has also settled with Sebi the case of alleged disclosure lapses regarding a payment made to Bansal earlier this year. It paid Rs 34.34 lakh to the market regulator to settle the case.

BUSINESS CORNER

OBC Q2 NET RISES 24% TO ₹126 CRORE

New Delhi: Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC) on Tuesday reported a 23.5 per cent rise in net profit at ₹126 crore in the second quarter ended September of the current fiscal year. The state-owned bank had posted a net profit of ₹102 crore in the corresponding July-September period last fiscal. The bank's total income rose 15 per cent to ₹5,702 crore in July-September as compared with ₹4,967 crore in the year-ago period. Net interest income also rose 15 per cent to ₹1,456 crore in the quarter under review, while the non-interest income was up 35 per cent to ₹824 crore. The net interest margin (NIM), difference of interest gained and expended, also increased 0.06 percentage points to 2.62 per cent during the quarter ended September 2019. OBC's gross non-performing loan or bad loans came down to 12.53 per cent of the gross advances as on September 30, 2019 from 17.24 per cent at the end of September 2018. Net bad loans also reduced to 5.94 per cent from 10.07 per cent a year ago. However, provision for bad loans rose to ₹1,050 crore during the quarter as against ₹832 crore parked aside in the year-ago period. The bank said there were fresh slippages to the tune of ₹1,388 crore during the quarter that emanated from loans to retail, agri, MSME and other sectors.

₹ rises to 2-week high on US-China trade talks hopes

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee on Tuesday rose to a two-week high against the US dollar on hopes of partial trade deal between the US and China next month.

The domestic currency closed at 70.94 to the dollar, a gain of 20 paise or 0.28 per cent over the previous close on Friday.

Forex market was closed on Monday on account of assembly elections in Maharashtra.

Analysts said growing expectations of a partial trade deal between the US and China next month bolstered the appetite for riskier assets like emerging currencies.

Also, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said India and the US will hopefully come out with the first set of agreements soon to address their trade issues.

Trade tensions have weighed on emerging and developing currencies as investors are looking for safe bets amid uncertainty over



(Inverted scale) KIBK Infographics

Trade growth.

"Trade talks between the US and China have started to progress and the risk-on sentiment could further support the rupee. Brexit related uncertainty could continue as fresh updates on the same are likely to come in today's evening session. Parliament Brexit Vote is scheduled and we expect that could keep the volatility high for pound," Gaurang Somaiya, Forex & Bullion Analyst, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Private Ltd, said.

Malaysian PM stands by his remark on Kashmir

PTI ■ KUALA LUMPUR

Defiant Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad on Tuesday said he stands by his remarks on Kashmir, asserting that he speaks his mind and does not retract and change, days after India expressed regret over his statement.

Raising the Kashmir issue at the UN General Assembly last month, Mahathir alleged that India has "invaded and occupied" Jammu and Kashmir and asked New Delhi to work with Pakistan to resolve the issue, drawing strong reaction from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

Speaking to reporters during a press conference in Parliament, he said "we felt that the people of Kashmir had benefited from the resolution of the United Nations, and all we are saying is that we should all abide, not just India and Pakistan, but even the United States of America and other countries".

"We speak out our minds and we don't retract and change," the Malaysian Prime Minister was quoted as saying by The Star newspaper.

MEA spokesperson Raveesh Kumar earlier this month said India and Malaysia

have traditionally enjoyed good and friendly ties and "We deeply regret these comments since they are not based on facts".

Acknowledging the strained diplomatic relations between Malaysia and India over his remarks, Mahathir said that it is necessary to speak out on the issues, even though such remarks could be

disliked by some.

"Sometimes, we have to have strained relationships but we want to be friendly with people. Malaysia is a trading nation, we need markets and so, we are nice to people.

"But, also, we have to speak up for people. So, sometimes what we say is liked by some and disliked by others," he said.

Shun Malaysia, palm oil buyers told amid Kashmir standoff

PNS/AGENCIES ■ MUMBAI

Top vegetable oil trade body called on Tuesday for the government to close a South Asian regional free-trade pact loophole it said had been used to circumvent tax by re-routing palm oil and soyil imports through Nepal and Bangladesh.

The Solvent Extractors' Association of India said some traders were sourcing palm oil and soyil from Nepal and Bangladesh under the South Asian Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA), even though both rely on imports from other countries.

"The palmolein being imported from Nepal is of Indonesian and Malaysian origin and soybean oil is of South American origin, routed through Nepal or Bangladesh ... for getting the duty exemption for such imports," it said in a statement.

India charges 50% tax on refined palm oil and 45% on refined soyil and another 10% surcharge on the duty.

Nepal imported 54,076 tonnes of palm oil from July to August and exported 35,706 tonnes to India during the period, the trade body said, citing import data as evidence.

Banerjee expresses worry about banking crisis; bats for aggressive changes

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Nobel laureate Abhijit Banerjee on Tuesday flagged concerns about banking crisis in India and called for aggressive changes to deal with the situation. There is a need to bring in important and aggressive changes to deal with the crisis, he said during interactions with media here.

Banerjee said there is need to bring down stake of the government to below 50 per cent in banks so that the decisions are taken without fear of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC). The banking system has been afflicted by the scourge of high NPAs for nearly five years now, which has led to network erosion and discovery of scams in the sector, with the Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank (PMC) being the new addition.

Earlier in August, Central Vigilance Commission had constituted Advisory Board for Banking Frauds (ABBF) headed by former Vigilance Commissioner T M Bhasin to examine bank fraud over ₹50 crore and recommend action.

On August 30, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had said that the profitability of public sector banks was improving as the total gross non-performing assets of public sector banks came down.

CAIT urges PM not to yield ground to Walmart

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Traders' body CAIT on Tuesday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi not to concede any ground to Walmart and other overseas e-commerce players, saying such firms have no regard for the sanctity of Indian laws and policies. Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) wrote to the Prime Minister after Walmart CEO Doug McMillon raised issues concerning data privacy and regulatory stability for the e-commerce sector and urged Modi to reduce the number of licences and permits for the opening of new stores.

Global retail giant Walmart, which has invested USD 16 billion in Flipkart, is facing challenges after the foreign direct investment rules for e-commerce marketplaces were changed by the government through a revised policy on FDI in online retail.

In the letter, CAIT Secretary General Praveen Khandelwal said: "These kind of rhetorics by global players are nothing but a pressure tactic to find a headway into the large existing business potential of India's Rs 45 lakh crore retail market..."

PMC Bank scam: Court extends HDIL promoters' ED custody till Oct 24

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Mumbai court on Tuesday extended the ED custody of HDIL promoters Rakesh Wadhawan and his son Sarang Wadhawan, arrested in connection with Rs 4,355 crore Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank scam, till October 24.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) produced Housing Development Infrastructure Ltd's (HDIL) chairman and managing director Rakesh Wadhawan and his son before special Prevention of Money Laundering Act court judge P Rajivaidya, after their remand ended on Tuesday.

It sought further custody of the father-son duo to probe them further in connection with the scam. The probing agency's counsel Kavita Patil said the accused played a crucial role in laundering huge amount of money and were concealing material from investigation.

The money trail of proceeds received from the bank and properties derived from the same were yet to be ascertained, the ED said.

The court extended the ED custody of the duo till Thursday. The Wadhawans were arrested last month by Mumbai Police's Economic Offences Wing (EOW).

Banking services affected due to strike by 4 lakh employees

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Banking operations across India were partially hit on Tuesday as 4 lakh employees of public sector banks, a few old generation private and foreign banks went on a one-day strike to protest the government's mega-merger plan and reduction in interest rates on deposits by banks.

In Maharashtra, 40,000 bank employees from around 10,000 branches of various banks were on strike. The one-

day strike has been called by two bank employees unions—All India Banks Employees Association (AIBE) and Bank Employees Federation of India (BEFI). In August, the government announced a plan to merge 10 public sector lenders into four to create fewer and stronger global-sized banks.

It had announced four new sets of mergers of state-run banks — Punjab National Bank taking over Oriental Bank of Commerce and United Bank of India.

SEARCH OF MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one man (depicted in the photo), **Name:** Rajesh, **S/o:** Ram Shobhit, **R/o:** G-348, Adhyapak Nagar, Delhi **Aged:** 29 years, has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi since 04.08.2019 at **vide DD No. 100-A, Dated 05.08.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi.** His physical description is as under:

Complexion: Shallow, **Height:** 5'1", **Face:** Long, **Clothing:** T-Shirt Jeans Paint and chapple in feet.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing man, may inform SHO, Nihal Vihar, Delhi at **E-mail:** cic@cbi.gov.in or **website :** <http://cbi.nic.in> **Tele No.:** 011-24368638 or 24368641

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P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi
Ph. No. 011-25946700, 25946710

DP/2717/OD/19.

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON

General public is hereby informed that one person namely **Lalit Sharma, S/o Shri Lala Ram Sharma, R/o Z-187, Gali No. 12, Narain Vihar, Prem Nagar-II, Delhi, Age 30 years, Height 5'9" Complexion Fair, Long Face, Wearing Black colour shirt & jeans pant has been missing / kidnapped from the area of PS Prem Nagar, Delhi since 05.10.19. In this regard a vide DD No. 32-A dated 09.10.19 has been lodged at PS Prem Nagar, Delhi.**

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

E-mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in **SHO**
Tele: 011-24368638, 24368641 **PS : Prem Nagar, Delhi**
Fax: 011-24368639 **Ph.: 25489080**

DP/3377/RD/19

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Baber @ Chand Mohammad, S/o Ayyub, R/o: 127, Kaila Bhatta, Behind Moti Masjid, Ghaziabad, U.P. Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 242/19, u/s 420/406/407/468/120B/34 IPC dated 31.08.2019** registered at P.S. Hauz Khas, New Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon that the said **Baber @ Chand Mohammad** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Baber @ Chand Mohammad** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proceeding u/s 82 Cr.P.C. has been initiated in this case. Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Baber @ Chand Mohammad** accused of **FIR No. 242/19, u/s 420 / 406 / 407 / 468 / 120B/34 IPC dated 31.08.2019**, is required to appear before this Court to answer said complaint on or before **25.11.2019**.

By Order
Ms. Vijeta Singh Rawat,
Ld MM/ Saket Court, Room No. 614,
6th Floor, Saket Court, Delhi

DP/5788/SD/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one man **Name:** Lakhman Kumar, **S/o:** Madan Jha, **R/o:** H.No. 6/23, Raksha Enclave Extn., Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, Delhi. **Age:** 50 Years, **Height:** 5'5", **Face:** Long, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Wearing:** White Chackdar Shirt-Black Pant and Black Shoes in Feet has been missing/kidnapped since 10.10.2019 from the area of PS Ranhola, Delhi. In this regard **DD No. 04-A, dated 12.10.2019** has been lodged at **PS. Ranhola, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped man but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing/ kidnapped man please inform the undersigned.

Web-site : <http://cbi.nic.in> **SHO**
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in **PS. Ranhola, Delhi**
Fax: 011-24368639 **Ph.: 011-28363001, 28363002, 28363003**
DP/2809/OD/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED BOY

General Public is hereby informed that one boy (depicted in the photo) namely **Mohd. Sajid S/o Mohd Mustafa R/o F-771, Inder Enclave, PH-II, Delhi Aged-09 Years** has been reported missing/kidnapped since 30.09.2019 vide **FIR No.541/19 Dated 01.10.2019** registered at Police Station Prem Nagar, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

Complexion: Shallow, **Height:** 4', **Face:** Oval, **Clothing:** Red coloured T-shirt and Blue coloured Jeans.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped boy, may inform SHO, Prem Nagar, Delhi at **E-mail :** cic@cbi.gov.in or **website :** <http://cbi.nic.in>

Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 **Sd/-**
FAX No. : 011-24368639 **SHO, Prem Nagar, Delhi**
DP/3379/RD/19 **Tel.: 011-25489080**

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED FEMALE

General Public is hereby informed that one female (depicted in the photo) namely **Rani Devi W/o Dheeraj Kumar R/o A-24/25/26, Veer Bazar, Chander Vihar, Delhi Aged- 24 Years** has been reported missing since 07.10.2019 with her daughter namely **Sonam Kumari (Age: 5 years) & a 1 Months aged baby vide DD No. 54-A Dated 09.10.2019** registered at Police Station Nihal Vihar, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Complexion: Fair, **Height:** 5', **Face:** Round, **Clothing:** Pink suit salwar and slipper in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing female and her children, may inform SHO, Nihal Vihar, Delhi at **E-mail :** cic@cbi.gov.in or **website :** <http://cbi.nic.in>

Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 **SHO, Nihal Vihar, Delhi**
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DP/2805/OD/19 **Mob.: 7065036129**

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Const./Northern Railway, 4th Floor, DRM Office, New Delhi-110001 invites e-tender under Single Packet System for the work:-

1. Name of work and location	Design, Supply, erection, testing & commissioning of 25 KV AC single phase OHE for the Electrification work of Ghaziabad-Road Over Bridge at Dholi Ghat in lieu of L-Xing No. 153 & Modification work in lieu of ROB at L-Xing 31 Garhi harsaru on DLI-FRE section.
2. Completion period of the work	9 Months
3. Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 64.47,789.97/-
4. Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online)	Rs. 1,29,000/-
5. Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender	Tenders may be uploaded upto 11.30 hrs. on date 13.11.2019 on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in . The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11.30 hrs on 13.11.2019.
6. Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document	The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway web site i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and tender document is available on www.ireps.gov.in . Above tender document will be available for submission of offer on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 30.10.2019 to 13.11.2019. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

No. 302 Mod.- Dy.CEE/CNDLS/2019-19(R5) Dated:- 10.2019 3372/2019

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Sharwan Chaudhary**, the owner of **Balaji Diagnostic Centre, Building No. 4 Basement, Near Sapna Cinema, Community Centre, East of Kailash, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 204/19 u/s 420/406/34 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Janak Puri, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Sharwan Chaudhary** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Sharwan Chaudhary** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Sharwan Chaudhary** accused of **FIR No. 204/19 u/s 420/406/34 IPC, Janak Puri, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer said complaint on or before **11.12.2019**.

By Order
Sh. Deepak Vats, Metropolitan Magistrate,
Room No. 9, Ground Floor,
Dwarka District Courts,
DP/8472/WD/19-(Court Matter) **Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi**

One Plus One Equals 11

India complete 3-0 clean sweep formalities in two overs & win consecutive 11th series at home under Kohli

PTI ■ RANCHI

A formidable Indian team ticked all the boxes with ease as it completed a 3-0 rout of an out-of-sorts South Africa with an innings and 202 runs victory in the third and final Test at Jharkhand State Cricket Association stadium on Tuesday.

With another 120 points in the ongoing World Test Championship, India now sit pretty on top of the table with 240 points as the formalities were completed within the first two overs of the fourth day.

This was Virat Kohli's 11th series win as captain and the first clean sweep over the Proteas who were no match for the hosts. This was India's 11th successive series triumph on home soil.

The scoreline was not only an indicator of India's absolute dominance but also the decline in standard of South African cricket as the visitors couldn't handle the might of India's batting and the fiery pace attack led by Mohammed Shami (13 wickets in the series).

Debutant left-arm spinner Shahbaz Nadeem (2/18 in 6 overs) wrapped it up in the second over of the day as South Africa were all out for 133 in their second innings, 29 runs short of their dismal first innings score of 162.

This was India's sixth clean sweep at home in a three-Test series and the side didn't put a foot wrong during the three-match series, winning the first Test by 203 runs and the second one by an innings and 137 runs.

If Rohit Sharma's coming of age in his new role as an opener with 529 runs, turned out to be a masterstroke in home conditions, Mayank Agarwal also consolidated his place in the side with a double century and a ton, easing India's long time opening woes.

"I was very happy to make my debut in Australia and make little contributions to the team. It's hard work over a period of many areas," Agarwal said after the match.

However, what stood out during the series was how lethal the Indian pace attack looked despite their premier pacer Jasprit Bumrah's absence due to a stress fracture.

Rarely has there been a series where the impact of pacers has



Members of Indian team pose with the winners trophy after their win on the fourth day of third and last Test match between India and South Africa in Ranchi

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INDIA'S BIGGEST WINS IN TESTS				
Margin	Opponents	Venue	Season	
Innings & 272 runs	West Indies	Rajkot	2018-19	
Innings & 262 runs	Afghanistan	Bengaluru	2018	
Innings & 239 runs	Bangladesh	Dhaka	2006-07	
Innings & 239 runs	Sri Lanka	Nagpur	2017-18	
Innings & 219 runs	Australia	Kolkata	1997-98	
Innings & 202 runs	South Africa	Ranchi	2019-20	

MOST WICKETS BY IND PACERS IN A 3-MATCH HOME SERIES

Opponent	Season	Overs	Runs	Wkts
England	1933-34	353.3	926	30
Sri Lanka	2017-18	235.4	758	30
England	2005-06	254.5	763	27
South Africa	2019-20	152.5	455	26
South Africa	1996-97	221.3	625	25

MOST CONSECUTIVE TEST SERIES WINS AT HOME

Team	Series	Period
India	11	February 2013 to October 2019
Australia	10	November 1994 to November 2000
Australia	10	July 2004 to November 2008
West Indies	8	March 1976 to February 1986
England	7	May 2009 to May 2012
South Africa	7	March 1998 to November 2001

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been as much as the spinners.

If Ravindra Jadeja (13 wickets) and Ravichandran Ashwin (15 wickets) shared 28 among themselves, Mohammed Shami (13 in 3 Tests), Umesh Yadav (11

in two Tests) and Ishant Sharma (2 in 2 Tests) picked 26 wickets.

"We are always ready to fulfill our responsibility. As a captain, Virat gives you confidence, lets you do what you want. We

try to keep the ball in the right areas and bowl the right length," Shami said at the end of match.

It was one such series, where South African batsmen looked scared and scarred by the ferocity of India's pace attack. The pacers did a lot of damage with the new ball and reversed the old ball.

Two hundreds and four fifties is all that the South African batting line-up managed and South African skipper Faf du Plessis agreed that they were completely outplayed on sporting tracks unlike the ones in 2015 where the ball was turning square.

"They were ruthless and they were better than us in every department — spin bowling, fast bowling, batting and even the fielding. They are a difficult team to overcome," Du Plessis agreed.

Pleased as punch, skipper Kohli couldn't agree more with his opposite number.

"You guys have seen how we're playing. Making things happen on pitches that don't seem to offer too much, is something we're very proud of," Kohli summed it up aptly.

"Indian conditions were always known to be spin friendly. Now we have that power, among our pacers, that we can make batsmen dance with the bat."

— MOHAMMAD SHAMI

"The support of the coach and captain helps. I am thankful for the opportunity to the management for that opening slot."

— ROHIT SHARMA

"They were ruthless and they were better than us in every department - spin bowling, fast bowling, batting and even the fielding. They are a difficult team to overcome"

— FAF DU PLESSIS



Indian captain Virat Kohli shakes hand with Faf du Plessis AP

We want to be the best: Kohli

PTI ■ RANCHI

The intent has always been honest and that precisely is the reason for the stupendous results that the Indian cricket team is currently delivering, skipper Virat Kohli said after a thumping 3-0 whitewash.

"As long as we keep working with honest intent, those things will follow. We have wanted to be the best team in Test cricket, and as long as we compete, things will work out well for us," Kohli said at the post-match presentation ceremony.

The best part about the win was taking the conditions out of equation, said Kohli.

"Amazing. You guys have seen how we're playing. Making things happen on pitches that don't seem to offer too much, is something we're very proud of," the skipper said.

"Even when we travelled away from home, we wanted to compete. Getting into the right kind of mindset is something these guys have worked really hard to get into... To be the best side in the world, you have to be multi-dimensional," skipper said.

"Spin was always our strength, batting was never a problem for us. Ishant (Sharma) was the only experienced bowler for us. We said we can play an extra bowler, and as batsmen we said we'll get the job done."

"We've got runs in every Test match, our catching has been good too. (Goal) As I said, even without much experience, we travelled very well. We believe we can win anywhere," the skipper added.

His counterpart Faf du Plessis also agreed that it was high quality pace bowling from India. "I think it's the skill of the bowlers. They have a skiddy nature and they hit the right spots and the stumps at all times. Those are the things we talked about before we came here, but naturally the length in South Africa has to be a little shorter, and that takes time to adjust," Du Plessis said.

The fight tapered off after the first Test in Visakhapatnam and du Plessis acknowledged that his side wasn't up to it.

"That's the frustrating part of the tour. There were some really good signs, but it went the other way," the Proteas skipper said when dissecting performance on the tour.

"Every Test, we made more mistakes. But we have to give credit to the Indian team. They were ruthless and they were better than us in every department — spin bowling, fast bowling, batting and even the fielding. They are a difficult team to overcome."

"The mindset after 2015 was to prepare ourselves for really spinning tracks, but it's been the opposite. Really sporting tracks — fantastic for fast bowlers and even for batsmen. There's a lot to learn for us," he added.

The visiting skipper said that this is a young team which would learn to fight its way out of trouble in adverse conditions.

"It's important that we have some young guys, and they'll experience this in 3-4 years ago. It was important for us to take something back again."

"We have to learn to compete the next time again. This is the toughest tour on the circuit... (India's) 11 series wins in a row bears testament to that."

All credit goes to Rohit

PTI ■ RANCHI

Skipper Virat Kohli feels that no one else but Rohit Sharma alone "deserves credit" for overcoming "anxiety and hesitation" while performing commendably in his new role as an opener, giving bowlers enough time to take 20 South African wickets in the 3-0 sweep.

Rohit turned out to be a revelation as opener with scores of 176 and 127 in the first Test and 212 in the third Test. The team management's stand that he could be a game-changer in the longest format stood vindicated.

"Credit solely goes to the player for the way he overcame his anxiety and hesitation and performed in such a manner that he was adjudged Man-of-the-Series in the first series as an opener. It's been outstanding for him," Kohli was effusive in praise for his white-ball deputy.

"There is always an anticipation on how would you perform as an opener in Test cricket, as he has been the world's best opener in ODI cricket for a long time. Despite missing close to two sessions because of rain, his pace in the batting gave us so much of time to bowl them out twice," the skipper said.

The top-order had performed brilliantly in the series, something that the skipper finds deeply satisfying.

"Mayank (Agarwal) also has done very well. Despite being new to opening, he performed consistently. Ajinkya (Rahane) also got a century at home after a long time (three years, 188 v NZ October 2016, Indore)."

"He also got a Test century in West Indies after a long time. Things are moving in the right direction in the last two-three months. So I said, it feels very pleasing to see individuals performing collectively well."

Umesh Yadav and Mohammed Shami took 24 of the 60 South African wickets and

their strike-rate is something that makes them stand apart from a lot of Indian fast bowlers over the years, said the skipper.

"If you look at these two guys, their strike-rate is probably the best in Indian conditions in history. So it tells you that these guys hit the stumps and the pads more. It's a great sign of intent the bowlers are running with. The fitness levels have gone up," Kohli said.

"WILL MEET & TALK ABOUT DHONI"

India captain Virat Kohli on Tuesday said he hasn't had any conversation with Sourav Ganguly with regards to MS Dhoni's international future and believes that the BCCI's President-elect will get in touch with him when he needs to.

After being nominated as the BCCI's President-elect, Ganguly had said that he would like to speak to the selectors as well as Dhoni to know what they had in mind.

"I congratulated him (Ganguly). It's great that he has become BCCI President. But he's not spoken to me about that (MS) yet. He will get in touch with me when he has to. I am sure I will go and meet him when he tells me to," the Indian skipper said at the post-match press conference.



PTI ■ RANCHI

India captain Virat Kohli feels that time has come for the BCCI to zero in on five permanent Test centres for future home series, similar to the English and Australian model when top teams tour those countries.

In Australia, Melbourne, Sydney, Perth, Brisbane and Adelaide are the five designated Test centres whenever the big teams come calling.

Similarly in England, the Lord's, Oval, Trent

5 Test venues

Skipper Virat backs Aussie, English model of having only five permanent Test centres

Bridge, Old Trafford, Edgbaston, Southampton and Headingley are the seven main Test centres for any marquee series (Ashes/India).

Asked about the lukewarm response in Ranchi, the Indian skipper lapped up the question.

"That's a great question."

We have been discussing this for a long time now. And in my opinion, we should have five Test centres. Period," the skipper made his point, something that the new BCCI president Sourav Ganguly might now have to look into.

"Look if you want to keep Test cricket alive and

exciting, I totally agree with the fact that we need five Test centres at max. It can't be sporadic and spread over so many places where people turn up or they don't," the skipper didn't mince words.

"So in my opinion, absolutely, we should have five strong Test centres where the team coming to India knows that this is where we're going to play and nowhere else," he said.

The BCCI follows the rotation policy across formats but it has now more than 15 Test centres.

Shastri likens Indian batting to Ferrari, calls Hitman different class

PTI ■ RANCHI

An exultant India coach Ravi Shastri has shown himself to be of different class in the newly-acquired role of a Test opener, acclimatising exceptionally well to the challenges posed by the position.

"Ajinkya Rahane was always there in the middle order, he only needed to rediscover, which he did himself. Rohit is different class. As an opener he needed to have a different mindset, he acclimatised. It was a difficult pitch to start with but *usne jhela*," Shastri told official broadcaster Star Sports at the end of the match.

"He has it in him to be unfazed by difficult conditions. What he has done in this series is tremendous," he added. Shastri lauded the mindset of the team, which he said, is never perturbed by the conditions it encounters whether at home or abroad.

"Our philosophy has been *bhaad mein gaya pitch* (to hell with the pitch). We need to take 20 wickets and it doesn't matter if it's Mumbai, Auckland, Melbourne, anywhere. Once we have taken those 20 wickets, our batting, once it gets going is like smooth-running Ferrari," he quipped.

"When you have five bowlers who can take 20 wickets, *bas* that's what matters," he added.

Despite the individual brilliance that shone through, Shastri said the triumph was, in the end, a team effort.



Mohammed Shami celebrates by showing broken wicket after dismissing Dane Piedt in Pune

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"It's a team effort. A captain who leads from the front. You have opening batsmen who got double hundreds. Middle-order batsmen got hundreds. Normally in India, you have two players who hog the limelight. Here we've had six or seven players. This is going well, enjoy," he said.

'Ind tour caused mental scars'

PTI ■ RANCHI

Humiliated by a ruthless India, the South African team will go back with "mental scars" as skipper Faf du Plessis rued a lack of vision that impeded phasing out of their great players.

"A tour like this reveals that there's a lot of mental scars that can happen and then obviously it's difficult to come out of that hole," Du Plessis said after they conceded their heaviest defeat to India in the third Test.

"It's just a relentless, ruthlessness the way they put big totals on the board every time. The effect it has on you mentally as a batting lineup, it takes a lot of energy and it takes a lot of toll and that's why you could see towards the end our batting was mentally weak. You don't want to be mentally weak."

Blaming Cricket South Africa, the visiting skipper further said the tour exposed the lack of planning as they did not think for future after greats like Hashim Amla and AB de Villiers retired.

"It shows that our structures are not where they need to be. The gap between domestic cricket and International cricket. If you look back three



Faf du Plessis & Zubair Hamza, left, leave the field at the end of day's play AP

or four years and if someone had the vision of saying, it takes three or four years' time there will be a lot of inexperienced guys. A lot of 34, 35, 36 year olds could possible retire. So what do you do to make sure you get yourself ready for when that time comes?"

"And possibly we are guilty of not planning or when these guys going at the same time. And now you've got to replace not only one player but four or five of your best players. Perhaps we could've been a little bit smarter in our planning phase, and the phasing out of the great players," he said.

Asked about the way forward, Du Plessis said they have to find the right people to build the side. "It's a rebuilding phase. You have to start identifying characters that will drive the team forward. You look for personalities within a team that you see in 3-4-5-6 years to come. And then the process starts. It's a tough place to start right at the beginning."

"The process will probably take a little bit longer. So for me, our next journey now is trying to make sure that we get a lot stronger as a cricketing team mentally. So if there's work that needs to be done in that department, then so be it."



Modric, Neymar miss out on Ballon D'Or shortlist

AFP ■ PARIS

While Megan Rapinoe is the leading candidate for the second ever women's Ballon D'Or, the holder of the men's award, Luka Modric, and the world's most expensive player Neymar missed out as France Football unveiled nominees in four categories on Monday.

Modric, fresh from guiding Croatia to a World Cup final, broke the 11-year Cristiano Ronaldo-Lionel Messi, who are both included, stranglehold on the men's award last year.

Paris Saint-Germain's Neymar, who cost the French club 222 million euros (\$247 million) in 2017, failed to make the 30-man shortlist after a year overshadowed by injury, suspension and controversy for both club and country.

Messi has just collected the FIFA Best award, as did Rapinoe, which split from the Ballon D'Or in 2016.

Rapinoe dominated the Women's World Cup, on and off the field, in the summer.

The 34-year-old Reign FC playmaker was joint top scorer and was voted player of the tournament as she led the United States to victory in France in July.

Last year, Norwegian Ada Hegerberg was the first women's winner. The Lyon forward did not play in the World Cup but is among the 20 nominees as are stars who were present at the competition, such as Australia striker Sam Kerr, England's Lucy Bronze and France captain Amandine Henry.

Virgil Van Dijk, 28, who has had an impressive six months with Liverpool lifting the Champions League, could become a rare defensive winner of the men's award.

Fabio Cannavaro was the last defender to win in 2006, and only the fourth since the award began in 1956.

Another nominee, Kylian Mbappe, the top goal scorer in Ligue 1 last season, would represent a genuine change of the guard.

The Paris Saint-Germain striker is ineligible to defend his Kopa trophy for the best player under 21 last year as he celebrates his 21st birthday on December 20.

This year also sees the introduction of the Yashin trophy, named after the only goalkeeper to win the Ballon D'Or, Lev Yashin of the Soviet Union, to give that ignored minority a chance to get their hands on a prize of their own.

The award winners will be unveiled on December 2 during a ceremony in Paris after a voting process including journalists from 180 different countries.

SHORTLISTED MEN'S LIST

Sergio Agüero, Trent Alexander-Arnold, Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, Alisson Becker, Karim Benzema, Kevin De Bruyne, Frenkie De Jong, Matthijs de Ligt, João Félix, Roberto Firmino, Antoine Griezmann, Eden Hazard, Kalidou Koulibaly, Robert Lewandowski, Hugo Lloris, Riyad Mahrez, Sadio Mané, Marquinhos, Kylian Mbappé, Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo, Mohamed Salah, Bernardo Silva, Son Heung-Min, Raheem Sterling, Dusan Tadic, Marc-André ter Stegen, Donny van de Beek, Virgil van Dijk, Georginio Wijnaldum.

SUPER 6

Barca seek sixth straight win at spirited Slavia

AFP ■ PRAGUE

Barcelona will be looking to extend their five-game winning streak when they take on Champions League underdogs Slavia Prague in the teams' first-ever encounter in Prague today.

Brushing aside political turmoil around them, Ernesto Valverde's men eased past Eibar 3-0 away on Saturday with goals from Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez and Antoine Griezmann.

Their fifth straight competitive win — including a 2-1 victory over Inter Milan in their last Champions League game — took them to the top of La Liga a point ahead of Real Madrid.

Last week the two giants agreed to postpone the Clasico, which would have been a showdown for the top league spot, from next Saturday to December because of the protests in Catalonia.

In a much calmer Prague, reigning Czech champions Slavia came back from a goal down to see off minnows Pribram 3-1 on Saturday to secure a six-point lead in the Czech top flight.

With two games played, Barcelona are second in the Champions League Group F with four points following the Milan win and a goalless draw with Dortmund who top the group on a goal difference.

Slavia sit at the bottom with a single point after holding Inter to a 1-1 draw in Milan and a subsequent 2-0 loss to Dortmund at home. Barcelona relished their attacking form after the Eibar clash, giving Slavia a cause for concern.

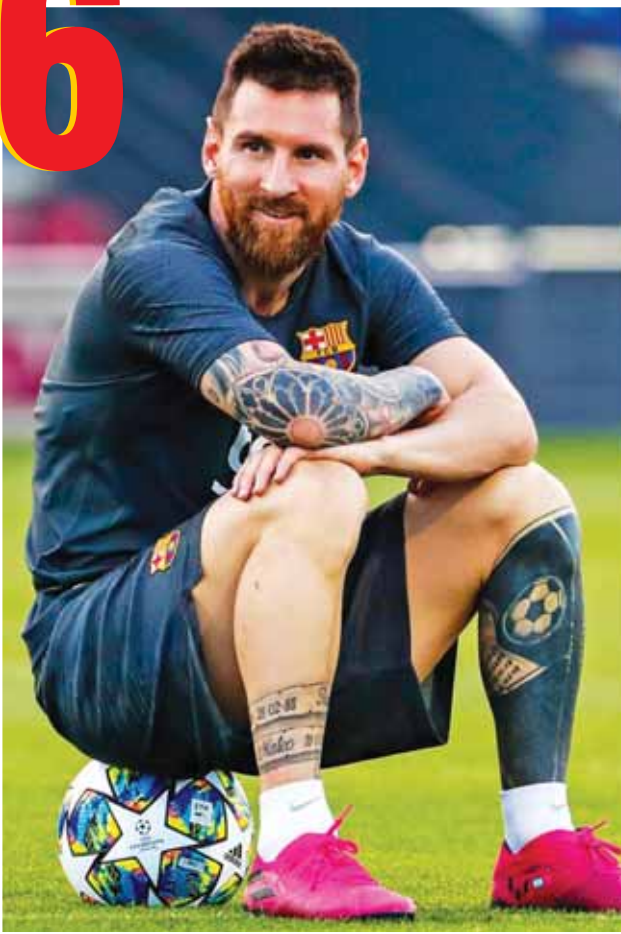
An underdog in today's clash, Slavia are building up confidence, betting on a physical style and tireless pressing promoted by coach Jindrich Tрпиšovsky. Last season, they eliminated Sevilla from the Europa League before bowing out at the hands of Chelsea in the quarter-finals.

"We'll go to the pitch knowing we can succeed," said defensive midfielder Tomas Soucek, the Slavia captain.

"We want at least a point, we have proved we can face the giants and I believe we'll give them a hard time at home," added goalkeeper Ondrej Kolar.

The Czechs remember Barca's last match in Prague where they were hosted by Viktoria Pilsen in the Champions League in 2011. Barcelona won 4-0 as Messi scored a hat-trick.

"There are many players who can



Barcelona captain Lionel Messi watches his teammate train during practice session

FCB/Twitter

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score, they all have a fantastic finish," said Kolar.

"We know how strong they are, particularly Messi, his left foot is exceptional and I think you can't really get ready for that," Soucek hailed Barca's "three unbelievable forwards" Suarez, Messi and Griezmann.

"It's funny to think that we'll swap the pennants with Messi and play against all these players," he said.

Barcelona, who took a day off Sunday before resuming training on Monday, will miss Sergi Roberto, who hurt his left knee at Eibar. Gerard Pique is likely to return to the team following a ban.

GROUP E
Genk is braced for a possible reaction today from Liverpool, whose winning

Premier League start ended at Old Trafford. Liverpool opened its title defense with a 2-0 loss at Napoli and struggled before prevailing 4-3 over Salzburg.

Salzburg has tallied nine goals so far but the Austrian club faces a difficult challenge against Napoli, which is one of five teams yet to concede in the competition.

GROUP F
Inter Milan hosts Borussia Dortmund knowing it can't afford to fall further behind as three heavyweights are vying for two spots.

Antonio Conte's team already trails Barcelona and Dortmund by three points.

GROUP G
Leipzig hosts Zenit St Petersburg after seemingly forgetting how to win at home, where its last victory was against Eintracht Frankfurt in the Bundesliga on Aug. 25.

Lyon managed to win 2-0 in Leipzig despite its own crisis at home. Lyon hasn't won in eight games in the French league. Lyon visits Benfica in the group's other game.

Reus misses Inter trip

Inter vs Dortmund
Live from 12:30am IST
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AFP ■ MILAN

Borussia Dortmund flew to Italy without captain Marco Reus and striker Paco Alcacer for today's match at Inter Milan, but previously suspended England winger Jadon Sancho and injured goalkeeper Roman Burki were included.

The Bundesliga club said the 30-year-old playmaker Reus missed Tuesday's flight because he is "still in poor health" after scoring the winner in Saturday's 1-0 victory over Bundesliga leaders Moenchengladbach despite suffering with flu.

Alcacer, who like Reus has scored five league goals so far this season, is also out due to the persistent calf injury which has sidelined him since September 28.

However, Sancho, 19, has been included after being dropped for Saturday's game after returning late from England duty.

Burki is also back after limping out of the second-half of the Gladbach win with a knee injury.

The Germans top Group F ahead of Barcelona on goal difference after holding the Spanish giants to a goalless draw in Dortmund in their opening game and then winning 2-0 at bottom side Slavia Prague.

Inter, third in the table, drew at home to Slavia and lost 2-1 to Barca a fortnight ago at the Camp Nou in their two previous games.

Conte's side bank on Belgian striker Romelu Lukaku, who got off the mark in his first league match against Lecce and has since scored five goals in eight Serie A games since departing Old Trafford under a cloud last summer.



Tammy Abraham (9) celebrates with Mason Mount after scoring Chelsea/Twitter

Next-gen stars

Rising Chelsea players face acid test against youth kings Ajax

AFP ■ AMSTERDAM

Ajax vs Chelsea
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Chelsea's young guns will test their run of form at one of the homes of youth development today as they attempt to stop an Ajax team on course to replicate last season's thrilling run.

The Blues are on a five-match winning streak in all competitions after beating Newcastle United 1-0 at the weekend but come up against the Group H leaders in Amsterdam Ajax are averaging over three goals a game at home and abroad and are hungry for European success after semi-final heartache last season.

Fikayo Tomori, Ross Barkley, Mason Mount, Callum Hudson-Odoi and Tammy Abraham all started Saturday's win at Stamford Bridge, the first time since 2013 five English players made the London club's starting XI.

They second on three points in Group H after a wobbly opening two games in the Champions League, with a pair of matches coming up against on-fire Ajax that could decide their European destiny.

"These two games against Ajax are really big because they're such a strong team... The movement of the team and the way they play football will be a

big test for us," coach Frank Lampard told the Chelsea website on Monday.

Ajax's remarkable form has led to rumours that coach Erik ten Hag is a potential Bayern Munich target, rumours that the 49-year-old refused to play down on Monday as Nico Kovac comes under fire in Germany.

Despite losing midfield dynamo Frenkie De Jong and defensive rock Matthijs de Ligt, they are top of the Eredivisie and unbeaten after scoring 31 times in their opening 10 games, three points ahead of PSV Eindhoven and Vitesse Arnhem.

In fact Erik ten Hag's side have hardly felt the effects of their departures, and are also top of Group H after beating both Lille and Valencia 3-0 with the same brand of thrilling football that captured Europe's imaginations last season.

However, although they reemerged as a European force thanks to their academy talent, their star turns this campaign are all outside discoveries, with Hakim Ziyech, David Neres and Dusan Tadic all in fine form and new signing Quincy Promes causing havoc from midfield.

Blades burst Arsenal bubble

AFP ■ SHEFFIELD

Unai Emery claimed Arsenal were unlucky to suffer a shock 1-0 defeat at Sheffield United as Lys Mousset condemned the Gunners to their latest away-day flop on Monday.

Emery's side are without an away Premier League win since the opening weekend of the season after failing to rise to the challenge posed by fired up United at Bramall Lane.

French forward Mousset, making his first Premier League start for United, punished poor Arsenal defending in the first half to score his second goal since signing from Bournemouth.

That was enough to send Arsenal crashing to just their second defeat of the season, ending an eight-game unbeaten run in all competitions.

The north Londoners sit fifth in the league after a powder-puff perfor-



Chris Wilder congratulates his boys after end of Premier League match against Arsenal PL/Twitter

mance that showed Emery's rebuilding job is still a work in progress.

But Emery insisted Arsenal deserved at least a draw and criticised the failure to give a penalty for a foul on Sokratis.

"We didn't deserve to lose. We can speak about two key moments, one is the goal and the other is a clear penalty with Sokratis. With VAR, the foul should have been reviewed, but we have to accept it," Emery said after Arsenal's winless run in the city of Sheffield extended to 26 years.

"We had more chances than them. If we scored one goal then we could have controlled better."

Under Emery, Arsenal have kept just two clean sheets in 24 away league matches and once again they wilted too easily in a hostile environment.

This was a signature win for the Blades after last season's promotion and they sit proudly in ninth place, just three points behind Arsenal.

Weather holds key in Hazare semis

Vijay Hazare semifinals
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Lokesh Rahul celebrates after scoring century against Kerala PTI/File Photo

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Host Karnataka will hold the edge when it takes on Chhattisgarh in the semifinals of the Vijay Hazare Trophy here today while Tamil Nadu and Gujarat are set for an interesting battle in the other last four clash.

The weather holds the key in both matches as rain is forecast today.

Karnataka made short work of Puducherry in the quarterfinal after coming through with seven wins from eight games in the league phase.

Test discard K L Rahul scored a fluent 90 in the win over Puducherry and appeared to have found his touch while the other opener Devdutt Padikkal has been among the runs as has skipper Manish Pandey, who has piled up 505 runs. The bowlers have done the job with pacer Prasidh Krishna leading the

way with 17 wickets while leggie Shreyas Gopal (14 wickets) and fellow leg-spinner Pravin Dube have gone about the job rather well.

Chhattisgarh came through after rain washed out the quarterfinal against the defending champion Mumbai on Monday on the basis of more wins in the league phase. However, they face a rather daunting task against the all-round Karnataka team, boasting of a strong batting line-up.

Ashutosh Singh, captain Harpreet Singh and Amandeep Khare have been the key batsmen for Chhattisgarh but will be up against a strong Karnataka attack.

In the other semifinal, Tamil Nadu, lucky to come through against Punjab on the basis of having won more games in the league phase, faces Gujarat, a comfortable winner against Delhi.

Having lost to the Dinesh Karthik-led side in the league phase, Gujarat will be aiming for revenge and will be aware of the need to raise their game.

The experienced TN line-up that includes Murali Vijay, Abhinav Mukund, B Aparajith, Vijay Shankar and captain Karthik himself can be expected to step up in a crunch game and the Gujarat bowling line-up led by left-arm pacer Rush Kalaria and veteran leggie Piyush Chawla face a stern test on the morrow.

Tamil Nadu will be hoping that the big guns get going and lay the platform for Karthik to finish things off with a flourish. The TN bowlers — T Natarajan, K Vignesh (14 wks), Vijay Shankar, R Sai Kishore and leggie M Ashwin (13 wks) — have done the job for the skipper and would be expected to contain the Gujarat batsmen comprising skipper Parthiv Patel and the prolific Priyank Panchal among others.

Ganguly set to take over as 39th BCCI president

PTI ■ MUMBAI

One of India's most decorated captains Sourav Ganguly will be taking over as the 39th president of the BCCI today at its Annual General Meeting (AGM), ending a tumultuous 33-month reign of the Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators (CoA).

Ganguly is the unanimous nomination for the post of BCCI president along with Union Home Minister Amit Shah's son Jay as the secretary. Mahim Verma of Uttarakhand is the new vice-president.

Former BCCI president and current MoS finance Anurag Thakur's younger brother Arun Dhimal is the treasurer while Kerala's Jayesh George is the joint secretary.

However Ganguly will have a curtailed tenure of around nine months as he would need to demit office by the end of July, next year as per the provisions of new constitutions, which makes 'Cooling Off' period



Sourav Ganguly poses for photographs with N Srinivasan as he arrives to file nomination for the post of BCCI president at the board headquarters AP/File Photo

mandatory after six years in office.

Easily one of the most high profile names to assume office, Ganguly will make use of his experience gained as the secretary and later president of Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB), which will come in handy.

He has set a few goals — primary being restructuring of first-class cricket as well as getting the administration back in shape along with getting India's position of reverence back in the corridors of International Cricket Council.

With Conflict of Interest rules being an impediment, Ganguly will also face the challenge of having quality cricketers on board as far as the Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) and national selection committee are concerned.

The 10-month is a short period and it also needs to be seen how the former India captain handles the disqualified old guards like N Srinivasan and

It was nothing personal: Edulji on differences with Vinod Rai

MUMBAI: COA member Diana Edulji on Tuesday said there were serious differences with the Vinod Rai-led panel like there would be in a democratic organisation but there was nothing personal in any of their public showdowns.

COA, which ran Indian cricket for 33 months, will demit office today.

"It was a good experience and a long journey, didn't think that the journey would last so long, but I am happy

Niranjan Shah, whose children are now officially part of the BCCI. Ganguly's relation with IPL chairman Brijesh Patel, a Srinivasan loyalist will also be of interest.

Last but certainly not the least, his take on cricketing

policies — Mahendra Singh Dhoni's international future, Day/Night Test cricket, permanent Test centres will also be discussed.

For CoA, it was an eventful 33-month tenure that comes to an end.

However, Edulji said she had no regrets. PTI