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SYRIA WELCOMES INDIA'S
STATEMENT ON TURKEY

New Delhi: Syrian Ambassador Riad Kamel Abbas on Monday welcomed India's statement on Turkey for its "unilateral military offensive" in northeastern Syria, saying New Delhi has a "strong voice" in the international community and Damascus looks forward to joining hands with it for further cooperation.

CBI BUSTS CHILD PORN
RACKET, 7 BOOKED

New Delhi: The CBI has booked seven persons for allegedly being part of international WhatsApp groups in which child porn images were being shared, officials said on Monday.

RETAIL INFLATION RISES
TO 3.99% IN SEPTEMBER

New Delhi: Retail inflation spiked to 3.99 per cent in September mainly due to higher prices of food items, Govt data showed on Monday.

13 DEAD, 15 INJURED IN
CYLINDER BLAST IN MAU

Mau: At least 13 people died and 15 were injured in an explosion caused by a leakage in a cooking gas cylinder at a house here on Monday, officials said. The house in Walidpur area collapsed while two adjoining ones were extensively damaged due to the impact of the explosion which occurred around 7 am.

FOUR HOCKEY PLAYERS
KILLED IN MP ACCIDENT

Hoshangabad: Four hockey players, heading for a Dhyan Chand Trophy match, were killed and three others injured on Monday when their car overturned after hitting a tree in Madhya Pradesh's Hoshangabad district, police said.

Terror funding probe corners Pak

Doval: NIA's investigation, FATF meet building up pressure on neighbour

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The NIA probe into funding of terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir has put the pressure at the right places on foreign agencies that are sponsoring terror in the Valley, National Security Adviser Ajit Doval said at a conference to top police officers on Monday.

Stressing on a comprehensive approach to counter terrorism, Doval said to squeeze terrorism curbing terror financing through meticulous investigation is a must. The NSA quoted the examples of NIA crackdown against terror funding in Jammu & Kashmir and action by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) to choke such funds.

"NIA has been able to make tremendous contribution in its terror funding probe in Jammu & Kashmir. This action put the pressure at the right place in foreign agencies which were running this," he further said.

Pakistan is under a lot of pressure at the FATF meeting, currently under way in Paris, to rein in terror groups operating from its soil, he said in his address at the meeting of the chiefs of the Anti Terrorism Squads (ATS) held by the NIA here.

"One of the biggest pressures that are coming on Pakistan today is because of the procedure of the FATF, I guess. The FATF has put so much of pressure on them that no other



National Security Adviser Ajit Doval during the NIA's national conference in New Delhi on Monday

STRATEGY TO COUNTER
PAK-SPONSORED TERROR

- To squeeze terrorism, curbing terror financing through meticulous investigation is a must, said Ajit Doval
- Everybody knows that Pakistan is supporting terrorism, Pakistan is financing terrorism, but it must be kept in mind that it is the evidence that is required: Doval
- NSA called upon the counter-terror bodies' heads to collect sustainable information against Pakistan and preserve it for effective use nationally and internationally
- Pakistan is under a lot of pressure at the FATF meeting, currently under way in Paris, to rein in terror groups operating from its soil

action could have been so," he said.

In the present context, no country can afford to go for a war as the financial and human costs are huge and no one is sure about the victory, he further said.

The FATF is an inter-governmental body established in 1989 to combat money laundering, terror financing and other related threats to the integrity of the international financial system.

Pakistan was placed on

the grey list by the Paris-based watchdog in June, 2018 and was given a plan of action to complete it by October 2019, or face the risk of being placed on the black list with Iran and North Korea.

At the ongoing plenary of the FATF, chances are high that Pakistan will be retained on the 'grey list' as it has complied with just one of the 40 recommendations set by the global anti-money laundering watchdog at the time of its inclusion in the list. If Pakistan continues with the 'grey list', it would be very difficult for the country to get financial aid from the IMF, the World Bank and the European Union, making its financial condition more precarious.

If the investigating agencies could collect correct, sustainable and quotable information, which could be put before the international forums effectively that how Pakistan is supporting and financing terrorism, it would expose the country, the NSA stressed.

On Pakistan's terror sponsorship, the NSA said terrorism is a low-cost sustainable option which may damage the perceived enemies to a great extent.

"A state is supporting a criminal and some states have mastered in this act. Pakistan has made terrorism as an instrument of State policy. That has made it a very great challenge (for Indian security agencies)," he said.

Doval said war has become

increasingly a cost ineffective instrument in achieving political and strategic objectives and nobody can afford it these days because of the cost involved with it.

"Not only is it a matter of money but in terms of lives that would be lost. But more important thing is you are not sure of victory. In spite of the superiority in terms of resources and technology, the Americans could not achieve their objectives in Vietnam and the Soviets in Afghanistan.

"So increasingly, the reliance on war is on the instrument of covert actions. And in the instrument of covert actions, terrorism is one of the manifestations of covert actions that adversarial powers are using it. It is a low cost sustainable option and it bleeds the enemy much more than probably in the war, and that it can be done for a long period," he said.

As the world has become more complex and as strategic and geopolitical relations become complex, a war is no longer an option and that is why the terrorism has increasingly been used, he said.

Doval also underscored that terrorism in India and many other parts of the world is state-sponsored.

"When I say it is state sponsored terrorism, they not only provide training to the recruits, they provide weapons, they provide ideology, they fix targets.

Graded response
to begin today to
combat pollution

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

As the air quality turned "very poor" with the overall Average Air Quality Index (AQI) touching 301 micro grams per cubic (µg-m³), the Graded Action Rapid Programme (GRAP) will come into force on Tuesday to tackle air pollution in Delhi.

When the air quality turns "very poor", GRAP measures include ban on diesel gen-sets and entry of trucks into the Capital, increase in bus and metro services, and hike in parking fees.

When it turns "severe", GRAP recommends closure of brick kilns, stone crushers and hot mix plants, and prescribes sprinkling of water, frequent mechanised cleaning of roads and maximising power generation from natural gas.

The measures to be followed in "emergency" situation include ban on civil construction and introduction of the odd-even car rationing scheme.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has said stricter measures under GRAP will come into force in Delhi-NCR on Tuesday, as per Environment Pollution Prevention and Control Authority direction (EPCA).

"The odd-even scheme will come into force on November 4 and will last till November 15.

Ban on diesel
gen-sets, trucks
entry, parking
fee hike in Delhi

Pollution levels in Delhi reduced slightly on Monday, a day after air quality in several parts of the city plunged to the 'very poor', Kejriwal said.

Considering NCR as contributor to the rising pollutants in and around Delhi, the EPCA has asked neighbouring States to put a ban on the use of diesel generator sets.

The Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) is the nodal agency to implement the GRAP in Delhi region.

Center run pollution monitoring agency System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting And Research (SAFAR) has put the AQI 'Dark Red' (highly noxious). Significantly, Dwarka Sector-18 recorded highest in Delhi-NCR with 315 µg-m³.

Abhijit Banerjee wins Nobel
for pioneering war on povertyHis wife & fellow
economist is joint
winner; Prez, PM
extend greetings

PTI ■ STOCKHOLM/NEW DELHI

Indian-American innovative MIT economist Abhijit Banerjee, his wife Esther Duflo and Harvard professor Michael Kremer jointly won the 2019 Nobel Economics Prize on Monday "for their experimental approach to alleviating global poverty".

Banerjee and French-American Duflo both work at the US-based Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) while Kremer is at Harvard University. President Ram Nath Kovind, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Congress president Sonia Gandhi and a host of other leaders congratulated Banerjee on winning the coveted prize. "Their research has helped economists better



Abhijit Banerjee speaks during a news conference at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on Monday

understand how to fight poverty in India and the world," Kovind said.

Prime Minister Modi said, "Congratulations to Abhijit Banerjee on being conferred the 2019 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel."

Congratulating Banerjee, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said he had helped the party conceptualise its 'Nyay' scheme to help remonetise the economy. Banerjee was educated at the University of

Calcutta, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Harvard University, where he received his PhD in 1988. He is the Ford Foundation International Professor of Economics at the MIT.

In 2003, Banerjee founded the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), along with Duflo and Sendhil Mullainathan, and he remains one of its directors. In Kolkata, his mother Nirmala Banerjee said it was a proud moment for her.

Elected as BCCI chief,
Ganguly says conflict
of interest a concern

PTI ■ MUMBAI

BCCI president-elect Sourav Ganguly on Monday said 'conflict of interest' is one of the biggest issues facing Indian cricket since the contentious clause is discouraging the best of the cricketers from getting into the game's administration.

Ganguly himself faced the heat after allegations of conflict of interest were levelled against him for his dual role as the president of Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) and mentor of IPL franchise Delhi Capitals.

While he has left Delhi Capitals mentorship already, he will relinquish his post as CAB president on October 23 after officially taking charge as BCCI chief.

"Conflict of interest is an issue. And I am not sure whether we will get the services of the best cricketers in the system, because they will have other options to avail," Ganguly told reporters after filing his nomination with veteran offi-



Sourav Ganguly arrives to file nomination for the post of BCCI president at the BCCI headquarters in Mumbai on Monday

cials like N Srinivasan, Rajeev Shukla and Niranjan Shah by his side.

Ganguly made it clear that the present rule of 'one person one post' will prevent most of the former greats to get into cricket administration as they also need to earn their livelihood.

Cong raps Khattar for 'khoda
pahad, niklee chuhiya' jibePNS ■ CHANDIGARH
SONIPAT/NEW DELHI

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar's use of an improvised timeworn cliché against Congress president Sonia Gandhi has outraged India's oldest party.

In his poll rally at Kharkhoda near Sonapat on Sunday, Khattar took a dig at the Congress saying all they managed was picking someone from the Gandhi family again (after Rahul Gandhi resigned as party president).

"Khoda pahad, niklee chuhiya," he said, using a popular Hindi proverb that suggests big effort but little gain. Literally, it means finding a mouse after digging a mountain. In itself the proverb was not at all offensive, but Khattar went on to add, "That too a dead one," and this created a furore.

The Chief Minister had targeted both the Congress and the Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) at the meeting. "You know the kind of 'tamasha' these family-based parties are doing. Now, within the family too, fights are



taking place. On one side there is 'Pappu', and on the other 'Mummy', he said.

Reacting to the mouse remarks of Khattar, Congress demanded an immediate apology. "The Chief Minister's remarks are inappropriate, he stooped to the lowest level and it also shows the anti-women character of the BJP," the Congress tweeted.

On Monday, Mahila Congress chief Sushmita Dev and Haryana Congress president Kumari Selja slammed Khattar. Sushmita Dev said

Khattar's remarks are a clear reflection of his and the BJP's disrespectful attitude towards women.

"We in the Congress are committed to upholding the dignity in public life. But as a woman, I take offence to the disgraceful remark made and demand an unconditional apology," she said. Dev accused him of lowering public discourse in an attempt to divert attention from real issues like joblessness and acute economic slowdown.

Selja asked the Chief Minister to reflect. "In what light remarks such as these portray women of Haryana and elsewhere.

It is because of the mindset of people like you that Haryana has come to be known as the crime capital, which tops the country in crime. Crimes against women are on the rise," she said.

At another poll rally week ago, Khattar had accused the Congress of sympathising with terrorists and said Sonia Gandhi "sheds tears for militants".

Jewellers shot at in robbery attempt

Incident occurs
in broad daylight
at busy Lalpur
Chowk

MRITUANJAY KUMAR ■ RANCHI

In a broad daylight robbery attempt at a jewellery shop near Lalpur Chowk—Capital city's busy business hub—two jewellers sustained bullet injuries on Monday afternoon.

Three persons on Monday afternoon around 2 p.m entered 'Gahna Ghar' a jewellery store at Amravati Complex with an attempt to rob the shop. While three were inside the shop, two of the accomplices were waiting outside.

The three criminals on gun point tried to rob the shop owner, but the two brothers and owner of the shop Rohit Khirwal and Rahul Khirwal who were sitting at the shop resisted the criminals' attempt. At this the robbers



A CCTV photo shows three robbers who allegedly shot at Gahna Ghar jewellery shop owners in Ranchi on Monday

started firing at them. The three criminals after the incident escaped from the spot on two bikes challenging city police.

After the incident, panic gripped the area with nearby shops putting down their shutters. The injured were rushed to Rajendra Institute of Medical Science (RIMS) by nearby shopkeepers.

As the news of firing incident spread, senior police officials including Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Anish Gupta, City Superintendent of Police (SP),

Harilal Chauhan and others rushed the spot and later also visited RIMS. Sources said that the condition of two brothers is stable but they are under observation. SSP Anish Gupta informed that the incident took place around 2 p.m when five criminals reached Amravati complex on two bikes.

"While two of the criminals waited outside the shop, three entered with an attempt to loot the shop. When shopkeeper's son resisted them to succeed in their attempt then they started firing which resulted in critical injury

of owner of shop Banwarilal Khirwal's two sons Rohit Khirwal and Rahul Khirwal. Both of them received one bullet each," said Gupta.

The SSP further said that a special investigation team of the district police will be constituted to nab the criminals. "The police personnel have been asked to search CCTV footage to identify the criminals," he added.

Reacting on the incident BJP's Rajyasabha MP from Jharkhand, Mahesh Poddar and Ranchi MP, Sanjay Seth jointly issued a statement and condemned the incident. Both the leaders have said that the criminals will not be spared. Expressing displeasure over the incident Federation of Jharkhand Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Kunal Ajmani said that the administration should take immediate action against the criminals and provide proper safety to businessmen otherwise the Chamber will hold statewide agitation.

CM Raghubar Das
inspects passing
out parade

PNS ■ RANCHI

Chief Minister Raghubar Das today inspected the passing out parade of 2,504 sub inspectors who have been inducted in the State Police force after 14 months of training at Police Training Centre, Hazaribag and Jungle Warfare School, Netarhat. The CM, while addressing the newly inducted SIs, exhorted them to play a greater role in maintaining law and order in the State and serve the people with a sensitive approach.

The CM congratulated the SIs, including 138 women SIs and hoped that they would contribute in making Jharkhand extremism free. "Your parents are feeling proud today and we wish that this pride continues. You



Chief Minister Raghubar Das waves to the people during passing out parade ceremony of Assistant Sub-Inspectors in Jharkhand Police at Jharkhand Police Academy in Hazaribagh on Monday

have to work with full honesty and make friendly relations with the masses. A big responsibility has been entrusted to you. You have to communicate with the masses, coordinate with them and solve their problems as per law," said the CM. Das said that after a long gap such a large number of sub-inspectors are being appointed. "After State's formation, we inherited extremism. Since 2014, we have made a lot of efforts to control extremism, in which we have also succeeded. Now with your arrival, 70,000 policemen working in the

State will get your support. During the training also you have discharged your duties efficiently. Before the training of all of you, the work of training was done in another State outside Jharkhand. When this thing came to my notice, the Government decided to arrange training in the three training institutes of the State and we were successful in this task. I congratulate all those who have done the training seamlessly," he said.

The Chief Minister said that the Jungle Warfare School

at Netarhat has the distinction of being the best training center in the eastern region. In the coming days, CTC Musabani, Hazaribagh Training Center and Jungle Warfare School at Netarhat will be developed as Centers of Excellence.

The CM said that newly appointed officers have been given training in cyber crime and computers in accordance with the changing weapons and changing time. Today, cyber-crime is increasing rapidly. All newly appointed Sub-Inspectors are covered by higher education. They should try to give their best by using the technical information you got from your education and training. Director General of Police Kamal Nayan Choubey said that such a large number of appointments are being made or it is a matter of pride. "These appointments have been done in a clean and transparent manner. Congratulations to everyone for their appointment.

CYBER FRAUD DUPES MAN OF ₹36K

PNS ■ BOKARO
Gopi Kishan a resident of Street 1 at Sector 9 was cheated of Rs 36 thousand when the amount was fraudulently withdrawn after he made transactions through BHIM App from his bank's account. A Case has been filed against Customer Service Officer Rahul Sharma alias Manish Sharma alias Mahesh Sharma at Herla Police station on Sunday and police is investigating into the matter.

| कार्यपालक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन प्रमण्डल, बोकारो | | | | | |
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Police constable dies after being hit by auto in City

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR
A 43-year-old police constable died in a road mishap after being hit by a speeding auto-rickshaw on Sakchi-Telco road near the Golmuri Police Line gate under Golmuri police station area. The victim identified as Rohan Kumar Yadav was admitted at the Tata Main Hospital on Sunday night, but he succumbed to his injury in the wee hours of today.
The constable met with ill-fated incident as he was coming to the police line by foot from the adjoining Golmuri market for attending night duty, Golmuri police line when the mishap took place.
The auto-rickshaw driver, however, managed to escape with the vehicle, leading the police to search for the auto-driver. Golmuri police station OC, Ranvijay Sharma said that they are investigating as to what led to the mishap. "The victim, Rohan Kumar Yadav,

was posted at the Golmuri Police Line. He used to stay in a staff quarter on the police line premises, but he had gone outside the police line in the evening.
As per our probe, he was returning back to the police line for attending the night call, he was found lying near the police line gate," said Sharma. He said they have heard that a autorickshaw hit the constable.
The OC said as it was night, the victim kept lying on the roadside for a considerable time, and when some passer-by discovered that he was a mishap victim, then only the fellow cops arrived there and rushed him to Tata Main Hospital at about 9 pm.
The constable had sustained head injury and had turned senseless on being hit by the speeding auto-rickshaw. The police have seized the body and sent it to the MGM Medical College mortuary post-mortem.

Steps to strengthen tusker corridor on J'khand-Bengal

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR
Taking firm steps on its ambitious project of tusker corridor, the State forest department has identified several points that are crucial for the easy movement and sustainable living of the elephants in the Dalma sanctuary and, the prominent among them are constructing newer water bodies, solar fencing of the forest area and protection of the green cover on the Jharkhand-Bengal stretch.

"We are working on the project and have identified several points. The water bodies are of prime importance for the sustainable survival of the elephants in the forest cover and we are concentrating our focus much on this subject at the moment," said a forest officer.
He said perennial water sources in the Dalma forest range but several water sources got dried up which led the department to initiate the work again. "It is not just of reviving

The water bodies are of prime importance for the sustainable survival of the elephants in the forest
The old ponds but we are also identifying sites for the construction of new water bodies on the Jharkhand-Bengal stretch to ensure availability of the water to the elephants round the calendar year," he said.
Though, he did not mention but sources in the Dhalbhum and Seraikela forest department have informed that at a dozen odd sites have been identified for the construction of new water bodies in the forest stretch leading to the neighbouring Bengal. "The purpose is to let the elephant (s) have easy access to the water bodies so that they are prevented from descending on the field in search of water," said a forest

ranger. The new water bodies will have a better slop area to prevent potential accidents of the elephants and the second and important thing is that a dedicated team of forest personnel will keep regular watch on the water bodies. For the adequate availability of water, the new water bodies will not depend entirely on the monsoon as the forest department is planning to make alternative arrangements to ensure availability of water in the water bodies round the year.
The perennial water sources are basically ponds running 15 to 20 feet deep while the new artificial water sources would also have the same depth, more or less.
Dalma sprawls over an area of 193 square kilometres and houses 85 villages inside the enclave and 51 villages in its periphery.
Dalma is frequently visited people of Odisha and Kolkata. In fact a large number of foreigners also visited Dalma last year.



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FOR SUPPORTING BIOTECHNOLOGICAL PRODUCT/TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT
(Discovery to pre-Commercialization)

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ACADEMIA & RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS

To develop technologies/products of national importance and their subsequent validation by industry under PACE through :
(i) Academic Innovation Research (AIR)
(ii) Contract Research Scheme (CRS)

INDUSTRY

For transformational technology/product development from proof-of-concept to pre-commercialization through :
(i) Small Business Innovation Research Initiative (SBIRI)
(ii) Biotechnology Industry Partnership Programme (BIPP)

Proposals are invited under two sections in following priority areas

SECTION 1

Development and validation of new products & technologies of social / commercial relevance

- Drugs, Vaccines, Biopharmaceuticals and Diagnostics for Cancer and Neurological disorders
- Strain engineering and process development for production of Industrial enzymes
- Diagnostics for disease detection and management in plants, livestock and aquatic animals
- Use of emerging technologies such as 3D printing, Cell Therapy, Gene Editing, in-silico studies, UAV, Robotics, IoT & Artificial intelligence in healthcare or agriculture

SECTION 2

Demonstration & Deployment of validated products/technologies in the field

- Point of care devices & diagnostics for primary health centres
- Reducing and utilizing dairy, industrial and municipal solid waste
- Products and technologies related to Precision farming at farmers' field

How to apply?

Proposals for all the Schemes are required to be submitted online only. For priority areas, scheme details and information on submission of proposal, please log on to BIRAC website (www.birac.nic.in)

For queries, please contact:
Head - Investment, BIRAC. Email: investment.birac@gov.in

Last date for Submission of proposals:
30th November, 2019
(up to 5.30 pm)

CP Singh launches ₹34-cr schemes

PNS ■ DALTONGANJ
Urban Development, Housing and Transport departments Minister C P Singh today laid the foundations for 20 schemes and inaugurated 10 schemes at a simple but impressive function held in the Pandit Deendayal Smriti Bhavan here.
It was a ₹34 crore affair that was presented before the people. The foundation and the inauguration were done online.
A battery of people's representatives like R K Kishore (MLA) Aloke Chourasia (MLA), Kushwaha Sheopujan Mehta (MLA) Sanjay Singh (Deputy Chairman) Shantanu K Agrahari (DC) B M P Singh (DDC) attended the function.
The foundation cum inauguration ceremony was held in the wake of the coming Assembly election here in the State as DDC B M P Singh in his speech dropped a big hint that schemes for which foundations laid today would go on irrespective of the model code of conduct and such ongoing schemes would be beneficial to people.
Among the prominent 10 inaugurations done were five integrated development centres at extremists battle fields namely Abun, Bageeya, Taal, Saraideeh and Kukkuh Kalan worth 31 lakh each, 2 haat and

shed worth 12 and 21 lakh, 2 shelter homes worth 64 each etc.
Prominent foundations were for power sub grids num-

bering 4, renovation of ghat of river Koyal, construction of 6 tahsil kachehry for revenue officials, 3 check dams and rural roads.

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय
भवन निर्माण विभाग,
भवन प्रमण्डल, डालहनगंज।

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एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि इस कार्यालय के द्वारा निकाली गई अति अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना जिसका पी०आर० नं०- PR 219029 Building (19-20) D है, क्रमांक सं०- 01.02 एवं 03 पर अंकित कार्य से संबंधित निविदा को अपरिहार्य कारणों से रद्द किया जाता है एवं शेष क्रमांक सं०- 04 से 13 तक परिमाण विपत्र विक्री का समय अपराह्न 2:00 बजे से अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक होगी।
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कार्यपालक अभियन्ता,
भवन प्रमण्डल, डालहनगंज।

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e-tender Notice
BitSindri/1/2019-20/OE-MS/Cons
Reference Number: BitSindri/1/2019-20/OE-MS/Cons
Dated :- 12/10/19
Tender ID: 2019_DHTE_42830_1

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| 2 | Name or work | Supply of Consumables/ Chemicals/ Hardwares/Sanitary items for office and laboratories at B.I.T. Sindri. |
| 3 | Publish date | 15.10.2019 |
| 4 | Document download start date | 15.10.2019 |
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B.I.T. Sindri wishes to purchase Consumables/ Chemicals/ Hardwares/Sanitary items/stationary items for its office and laboratories.
Only e-Tenders will be accepted.
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PR 219564 (Science & Technology) 19-20 (D)

Sd/-
Director,
B.I.T., Sindri

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e-Corrigendum Notice
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PR 216873 (Science & Technology) 19-20#D
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PR 219575 (Science & Technology) 19-20 (D)

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Director,
B.I.T., Sindri.

NAME CHANGE
I, FULMANI KONGARI, W/o Late Salan Kandulna, R/o Pati Tanki, Bandh Colony, Kathara, P.O. Kathara, P.S. Kathara, Dist. Bokaro 829116, Jharkhand do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on oath that the statements made below are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:-
1. That I am citizen of India and residing at above mentioned address.
2. That my Name is FULMANI KONGARI mentioned in all documents, Service book and certificates.
3. That my name mentioned in UID Card No. FULMANI KANDULNA in place of FULMANI KONGARI My UID No. is 284018571585.
4. This affidavit is correction of my name from FULMANI KANDULNA to FULMANI KONGARI. affidavit Ref. No. 659 date 14.10.2019

Form No. INC-26
Advertisement to be published in the Newspaper [Pursuant to rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014]
PUBLIC NOTICE
BEFORE THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR, Companies Eastern Region Bench, Kolkata
In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013, Section 13(4) of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 30(6) (a) of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014 AND
In the matter of SHAMBHAWI TRADECOM PRIVATE LIMITED Registered Office: 00061 Party Built Stall Bariduh Market, Jamshedpur, Ranchi, Jharkhand-831009
Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make application to the Central Government, Regional Director, Eastern Region Bench, Kolkata under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extra ordinary general meeting held on Tuesday, 10th September, 2019 at 11:30 A.M. at its Registered Office to enable the company to change its Registered office from the state of Jharkhand to the State of Uttar Pradesh."
Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver or cause to be delivered or sent by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director, Eastern Region, Nizam Palace, II MSO Building, 3rd Floor, 23/44 A.J.C. Bose Road, Kolkata-700020 within Twenty One days from the date of publication of this notice also to the petitioner company at its registered office at the address mentioned below.
00061 Party Built Stall Bariduh Market, Jamshedpur, Ranchi, Jharkhand-831009
For and on behalf of
M/s. SHAMBHAWI TRADECOM PRIVATE LIMITED
Ambrish Tandon, Director
(DIN - 01260318)
19, Wazir Hasan Road, Lucknow, U.P. 226001

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JVM leader’s ‘cockfight’ jibe attracts BJP ire

PNS ■ RANCHI

The Jharkhand Vikas Morcha (Prajatantrik) has sparked a row after one of its leaders mocked at the BJP for highlighting the ongoing tension across Line of Control (LoC). Saroj Singh, the JVM (P) General Secretary termed the growing tension across LoC as murga ladai (cock-fight) being highlighted by the BJP.

Participating at local television debate which was aired on October 12, the JVM (P) leader said that BJP has no local issue and every times its spokespersons try to divert people attention from real issue at TV debates with ongoing tension between India and Pakistan at LoC as if it is cockfight.

State BJP spokesperson Pratul Shahdeo, who was also participating in the TV debate countering the remark of JVM leader termed it unfortunate claiming that JVM leader has no respect for the valour of solders fighting on the LoC.

Shahdeo talking to *The Pioneer* said, “This is ridiculous. The statement of JVM leader shows his immaturity. It is very sad that the sacrifice of soldiers for them is like cockfight.”

Cockfight is much popular game in tribal society in Jharkhand. A cockfight is a blood sport between two cocks, or gamecocks, held in a ring called a cockpit.

Shahdeo further said,

BSNL refutes rumours of its closure

PNS ■ RANCHI

Jharkhand Circle of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has denied all rumours of the government owned telecom firm closing down rumours which have been doing the rounds for the past few years.

The Secretary of the Department of Telecommunications has also denied all these reports.

BSNL will not only continue to provide its services but is also in the process of introducing new schemes to serve its customers better.

As per the new FRC 106 for prepaid numbers, customers will get unlimited calls to any network, 1 GB data per day and 100 SMS per day for 24 days.

With the 153 voucher plan, customers can get 1.5 GB unlimited time data per day and 100 SMS per day for 328 days.

For the annual plan of 1699, customers will now get 3.5 GB data per day and unlimited calls to any network for 455 days instead of 365 days.

Recently the service provider has also started 4G services in two remote districts of Jharkhand circle.

Along with UIDAI, it has also started providing services of making new Aadhar or changes in the existing

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ones. This service is being provided across all districts of Jharkhand.

BSNL is also upgrading its landline to NGN- Next Generation Network. While expanding the fibre network (FTTH), the Jharkhand Telecom Circle is providing FTTH in the remote villages of the State at attractive prices.

All channel partners associated with BSNL are providing facilities to customers across Jharkhand. Channel partner outlets also have various telecom services available for customer’ convenience.

Chief General Manager Telecom, Jharkhand Circle KK Thakur has urged the customers to not believe these rumours and make the use of the services for their commercial and domestic operations.

BSNL is always eager to provide excellent service for all telecom requirements anywhere in the State he said.

JOHAR JAN ASHIRWAD YATRA

‘Cong, JMM, RJD encouraged corruption in State’

PNS ■ RANCHI

In the third phase of his Johar Jan Ashirwad Yatra, Chief Minister Raghubar Das lambasted at the Opposition parties alleging them to have encouraged corruption in the State. The CM said that the parties looted the resources of the State and never cared for the people considering them nothing more than vote banks.

“Congress, JMM, RJD and other Jharkhand named parties engaged in coalition politics, encouraged corruption, looted resources, kept tribals underdeveloped and increased the problems of the State. After the formation of the State, the Congress never allowed a stable Government.

The people of the Congress and JMM, who were in power, did not pay attention to provide basic facilities to the people of Jharkhand, as a result of which the problems became more complicated.



Chief Minister Raghubar Das addresses a gathering during his third phase of Johar Jan Ashirwad Yatra in Hazaribagh on Monday. PNS

After 2014, you gave a stable and strong Government in Jharkhand. After your mandate, the present Government made a lot of efforts towards the development of Jharkhand

and to provide basic amenities to the people here. This servant has come to you to tell those efforts. Because you are our masters,” said the CM in Hazaribag. Das said that the

people of the country rejected the Congress, which practiced dynastic politics and made a man from poor family Prime Minister. “In 2019 Lok Sabha elections, other parties of the

State witnessing all round development in BJP Govt

PNS ■ RANCHI

State BJP spokesperson Pratul Shahdeo on Monday said that by giving a stable Government in the last five years, people have ended the atmosphere of political instability from Country and State, resulting in development of State due to double engine Government.

The BJP leader claimed that farmers, labourers, businessmen, journalists, women, minorities and everyone are progressing with the vision of development.

This Government has made the people of Jharkhand self-dependent by connecting them to mainstream of development. Shahdeo was addressing media persons at party office highlighting the achievements of Centre and State Governments.

Shahdeo said that on one hand farmers are getting financial assistance of Rs 11,000 to Rs 31 000 under the Chief Minister Krishi Aashirwad Yojana depending upon their farming land size, Jharkhand is only State in Country which pays the premium of farmers crop insurance.

Highlighting the works carried out by Raghubar Das Government in women



State BJP Spokesperson Pratul Shahdeo and Media in-charge Shivpujan Pathak during a press conference at party office in Ranchi on Monday. PNS

empowerment, he said the affect of Mukhyamantri Sukanya Yojana and Mukhyamantri Kanyadan Yojana can be gauged from the fact that is that there is increase in the sex ratio in State.

As part of women empowerment financial assistance of Rs 40 000 is provided to girls from her birth to till she attain the age of 18 years along with Rs 30,000 for her marriage.

Highlighting some of the

steps of State Government, Shahdeo said, “The State Government has taken some milestone steps in connection with women empowerment.

Land/property registration upto Rs 50 lakh in name of women in free, the result of this historic decision is that now more than 80 per cent registry is done in the name of women. Similarly, Jharkhand became the only State where the 33 lakh women who are beneficiaries of

Ujjwala Yojana are being given two refill cylinders free of cost with stove.” Highlighting the progress in health sector, the BJP leader said that under the Ayushman Bharat scheme, around 5.57 lakh families are covered in Jharkhand, and out of which around 3 lakh residents have availed the benefits so far. Also more importantly Ranchi Sadar Hospital has been recognized as second best hospital in the country in terms of

country tried their best to confuse you by forming an alliance, but all of you favoured the BJP and the Government was formed under the leadership of Modi ji. I bow my head to the people of Hazaribag and it is because of you that the BJP Government was formed again at the Center,” he said.

The CM said that the Government has tried to solve the problems of Jharkhand, which have been complicated before 2014.

“During the rule of Congress and Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, 30 lakh houses of the State were deprived of electricity. We have provided electricity to 30 Lakh homes in these five years.

A network of roads was laid all over Jharkhand, including Hazaribag, covered by the Ujjwala scheme to rid women of smoke.

40 lakh families of the State have taken benefit of the scheme, 3 lakh other families

will soon be added in the scheme. In order to provide health facilities to the public, the government has added an additional provision of Rs 400 crore to Ayushman Bharat Yojana.

I request that those who are not able to avail the benefits of this scheme get their Golden Card free and protect their families with health insurance of 5 lakhs,” he said.

Das further said that Prime Minister Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana and Mukhyamantri Krishi Aashirwad Yojana were launched for the prosperity of farmers. “So far, 26 lakh farmers have benefited from the Chief Minister Krishi Aashirwad Yojana.

The farmers have got the first installment of the scheme. The second installment will be given to farmers before Deepawali. In this way, we have tried to work in every field so that the people of the State can benefit,” said the CM.

Science exhibition at BIT Mesra

PNS ■ RANCHI

On the occasion of Innovation Day organized by the Ministry of Human Resource and Development and IIC (Institute Innovation Cell), Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra organized a science exhibition for school students on 13th October at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya.

The students of class 10 and 12 pursuing the science steam attended the exhibition. “Necessity is the mother of invention”.

With these words, Robolution's Faculty Advisor, Dr Arun Dayal, addressed the students. He explained the importance of science and technology and inspired everyone to pursue this field.

The programme commenced with the presentation of Firebolt Racing, specializing in All-terrain vehicles (E. A.T. V.). The club members familiarised the school students with their along with a video presentation about events and vehicle parts.

Renowned engineers to judge Hack-A-BIT



PNS ■ RANCHI

Senior engineers working with multinational firms across the globe will judge events during Hack-A-BIT 2019 being organised at BIT, Mesra between October 18 and 20. One of the biggest student hackathons in India, HACK-A-BIT 2019 is presented by Times Internet and supported by Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme



(TEQIP).

It is being organized by the Institution of Electrical and Electronics (IEEE) Student Branch, Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET), BIT Mesra and Association of Computing Machinery (ACM), BIT Mesra.

One of the most elite and diverse judging panel in a student Hackathon includes Mayank Garg, who practices as a Data Science Strategist and Consultant at Google. He is



also a renowned ML speaker and facilitator around the world. Another judge during the event is Nimesh Ghelani, who is an ML engineer at Bloomberg LP.

His expertise lies in the field of machine learning and information retrieval systems and LINUX. He has published several publications on information retrieval systems, including ACM SIGR 2018.

Another judge is Aaqib Reza Khan, an engineer at



Qualcomm, who has worked extensively with embedded systems, PCB designing, micro-processors, digital electronics, digital signal processing. Kaustabh Karkare is another judge, who is a full stack developer and a senior software engineer at Facebook.

He has worked at People Insights and Engineering Team. His expertise has helped build internal tools for recruiters and HR Mentored Bootcamps, Interns and Junior Engineers.

Written exam date for Assistant Nurse preponed to Oct 26

PNS ■ RANCHI

In move to provide relief to selected candidates for Nursing Assistant post, Ranchi, Army Recruiting Office changed the date of Common Entrance Examination (CEE) for the Assistant Nurse from October 27 to October 26.

Addressing a press meet on Monday Director Recruitment, Colonel IS Patyal said that due to administrative reasons, the date for conducts of CCE in respect of candidates selected under Soldier Technical (Nursing Assistant) category has been preponed from October 27 to October 26.

“The Office has called the press meet to inform all the candidates, who got selected in the Physical Test rally organised in Dumka from April 9 to April 13,” he added. Assistant Recruiting Office, Vijay Singh said that the selected candidates have been informed by letter and phone calls about the change of the written examination for their convenience. “Now we are informing them through media so that people should know about the date change of the examination,” said Singh.

When asked about reason to organize the test rally in Dumka, Singh said that in an attempt to provide better chance to tribal girls for the post the rally was organised in Dumka.

“Everyone is well aware that Indian Army provides medical facilities to its staffs in almost every State in India and for its own purpose it has own hospitals, poly clinic. Like other regular hospitals Military



Director Army Recruitment, Colonel IS Patyal addresses media persons at his office in Ranchi on Monday. Vinay Murmu | Pioneer

Hospitals (MH) also needs nursing assistant who can assist doctors so that the recruitment of nurse staff is going on,” said the Army officer. Speaking about eligibility criteria for the post Singh said to be eligible to apply for India Military, a candidate need to satisfy the eligibility criteria. “The applicant must be passed intermediate or 12th with Physics, Chemistry, Biology and English as main subjects from recognized boards.

If applying on the basis of class 12th then the candidate must have scored 50 per cent marks in total and 40 per cent marks in each subject. If candidate has graduated in B Sc with English and any of the following subjects such as Botany, Zoology, and Bio Science then the stipulated percentage in class 12th does not stipulated.

The applicant's age must be not less than 17.6 year old and not more than 23 year old. Age will be calculated from the date of birth till the date of rally,” said Singh. The duration of written examination will be one hour, he added.

DOWN THE MEMORY LANE

Room no 11 of Tata Motors’ Dealers Apprentice Hostel

PARVINDER BHATIA ■ JAMSHEDPUR

More than five decades ago, a young architect armed with a degree from Cornell University, New York, came to work in Jamshedpur. He stayed at room number 11 of Tata Motors’ Dealers Apprentice Hostel at Telco.

The young architect was none other than one of the most well-known and respected industrialists Ratan Tata.



Room No. 11. In 1962, Tata joined the Tata Group and his first job involved working on the shop floor of its

Jamshedpur plant. “During his initial days Tata used to stay in the same room. The room is considered special for

each one us,” said an official of Tata Motors.

Tata Motors the then Telco has always been ready to minister the young trainees and in order to look after their basic needs they have made three different hotels for three different department of these trainees.

Namely, the GET Hostel for the Graduate Engineer Trainee, the GE Hostel for the Graduate Engineers and the Dealer's Apprentice Hostel for the apprentices sent from the dealers end.

These hostels came up in the year 1956 and it in houses those young engineers and trainees who comprises of the

cream of engineering talent in India; most of them are extremely qualified with degrees from every part of the world. Ever since these hostels were made it has seen these talents being moulded into stalwarts of this industry.

“These hostels give us a home like feeling and there is nothing more that we can ask for,” says Kaushal from the GET hostel.

As a part of their cultural fest the engineers and trainees organises ‘Wheels’ and ‘Ankuran’ which is a yearly event and people all across the town are invited for this fest. ‘Wheels’ and ‘Ankuran’ have hosted some really good shows

by big names in the entertainment industry.

The beauty of all is hostels are still intact with the modern amenities and comfortable living. Every year these hostels witness a crowd of more than 3000.Tata has a long association with the Steel City. He also gave the city two of its most elegant buildings. The buildings are two distinctive ones on Road No. 10, Circuit House (East).

Not many residents of the city know that the architect of these two American prairie-style buildings is none other than the great visionary Tata. The houses he designed are located at 6A Road # 10, CH Area (East).

Shattered after wife’s suicide, man kills self

IN BRIEF

PGCIL EXECUTIVES’ TRAINING

Power Grid Corporation of India limited is training his executives in apex Management school XLRI Jamshedpur. The five days leadership development programme, which started today, will last till October 18. As many as 26 executives of PGCIL from different regions are being trained in this Programme they will be trained on the topics like, Effective leadership, Maintaining work life balance, stress management, Interpersonal communication skill, effective presentation, emotional intelligence and public speaking etc. This Training programme is being organised by POWERGRID Eastern Region-I Headquarter Patna.

SMART CONNECTED DEVICES LAUNCHED

Strengthening its technology product portfolio, Dish TV India Ltd today launched a complete range of smart devices, an internet enabled Android based HD Set Top Box and Voice enabled Alexa Built-in smart kit. Eliminating the hassle of switching between linear TV and OTT apps, the latest offerings from Dish TV India effectively aim to combine the two through a single entertainment device. This new technologically advanced offering - an internet enabled Android based HD Set Top Box ‘Dish SMRT Hub’ is available at a price of INR 3999 for new subscribers & INR 2499 for existing subscribers. Dish SMRT Hub is Android HD set top box which runs on Android TV operating system by Google.

NATIONAL SPORTS AT DAV HBG

A two-days DAV National Sports Cluster Level is being organized at DAV Public School Hazaribagh on October 15 and October 16. The tournament will include sports like judo, yoga, chess, badminton and table tennis for both boys and girls. More than 450 students from DAV Barkakana, DAV Bharechnagar, DAV Hazaribagh, DAV Rajrappa, DAV Ara Kujiu, DAV Ghatotand, DAV Kedla, DAV Koderma, DAV Bachara, DAV Chainpur and DAV Topa will be participating in the event. Principal Askok Kumar said for the holistic development of children DAV Organisation gives equal importance to scholastic and co- scholastic activities. All arrangements for food and lodging of the participants have been made.

DPS SHINES IN GROUP SONG COMPETITION

National Group song Competition was organized on October 13 by Bharat Vikas Parishad. Governor of Droupadi Murmu was the Chief Guest of the function. Around 15 schools participated in the event. DPS Ranchi secured the first position for their mesmerizing performance in the event at the District level. The team would be going to Deoghar for the State level. Principal Dr. Ram singh congratulated the students for their exemplary presentation.

MAN SHOT AT BOKARO, INJURED

A 35-year-old man was shot at and critically injured by some unidentified criminals near his house Rituidih area under Marafari police station here this afternoon, SP, P. Murgeon said. The victim Jaleshwar Saw was rushed to Bokaro General Hospital, Marafari police station Officer-in-charge, said. Jaleshwar, who sustained three bullet injuries, has been admitted in BGH,Bokaro, then after getting first Aid sent him to RIMS,Ranchi.His condition is said to be critical, added police. In a fit of rage, six unidentified criminals who came his house on two bikes.While they were causally talking with Jaleshwar then after opened fire at Jaleshwar and critically injured him, SP said, adding that while the accused was reported at large, a case has been lodged in this connection.

SWC INTER APSS TT CHAMPIONSHIP

South Western Command Inter Army Public Schools Table Tennis Championship 2019 is being organized by Army Public School Ranchi. 101 matches will be played by 16 teams from South Western Command in which 154 children are participating. The matches will be played at Thakur Vishwanath Sahdeo Stadium, Khilegaon, Hotwar, Ranchi from Oct 14 to 16. The Chief Guest Brigadier MK Upreti, CDR 23 Arty BDE, declared the meet open today at the opening ceremony by lighting the lamp. Children of APS Ranchi presented a colorful cultural program to welcome the Chief Guest and the participating team.

PNS ■ GARHWA

Depressed over suicide of his wife, man also committed suicide at Tisartetuka village under Meral police station in the district.The deceased have been identified as Shubhwati Devi (24) and Anil Bhuiyan (26) both residents of village Tisartetuka under Meral police station.

According to officer in-charge Rameshwer Upadhyay after a heated argument with his wife on Saturday night, Shubhwati committed suicide by consuming poison. Upset over the suicidal death of wife, husband Anil also committed suicide by consuming poison.

The deceased couple belonged to a poor family. Anil was married with Shubhwati five years back. Due to poor condition their six months kid was died six month back. " The villagers after collected donation cremated them today in the village," said Upadhyay. Shubhwati committed suicide on Saturday night while Anil asleep in bush located out side of village after consume poison, on Sunday.

Maharajganj DM suspended over cow shelter fraud

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

The Uttar Pradesh Government on Monday suspended the Maharajganj District Magistrate and five other officials for fudging figures and “negligence” at a State-run cattle shelter.

Announcing the suspension — a rare move against an IAS officer — at a hurriedly called press conference, Chief Secretary RK Tiwari said there were “continuous complaints of negligence” in the upkeep of stray cows in Madhvaliya cow shelter in Nichlaur tehsil of Maharajganj district.

“The Government constituted a committee under the chairmanship of Additional Commissioner, Gorakhpur Division.

कार्यालय निर्वाचक निबंधन पदाधिकारी, 78 छतरपुर (अ0जा0) विधानसभा क्षेत्र —सह-अनुमंडल पदाधिकारी, छतरपुर (पलामू)। सुदृढ़ प्रजातंत्र हेतु वृहतर सहभागिता

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| आम महत्त्वपूर्ण सूचना | |
| भारत निर्वाचन आयोग, नई दिल्ली एवं उपायुक्त, पलामू के निदेशानुसार दिनांक-18.10.2019 एवं 19.10.2019 को मतदाता सूचि में अनिर्बंधित योग्य नागरिक जिनकी आयु दिनांक-01.01.2019 को 18 वर्ष या उससे अधिक है, वैसे योग्य नागरिकों के घर-घर जाकर बी0एल0ओ0 सत्यापन करेंगी तथा उनके नाम मतदाता सूची में जोड़ने हेतु प्रपत्र-6 भरा जायेगा। | |
| 1. सभी वैसे महिला मतदाता जिनका नाम अभी भी मतदाता सूची में नहीं है और आहर्ता रखते हैं उनका शतप्रतिशत नाम बी0एल0ओ0 द्वारा घर-घर जाकर मतदाता सूची में जोड़ने हेतु प्रपत्र-6 भरा जायेगा। | |
| 2. नि:शक्त / दिव्यांग मतदाता के लिए मतदान के दिन मतदान करने हेतु गाड़ी से लाने की व्यवस्था है। दिव्यांग नागरिकों को मतदाता बनाना परम आवश्यक है। इस हेतु वैसे सभी नि:शक्त /दिव्यांग मतदाता जिनका नाम अभी भी मतदाता सूची में नहीं है उनका नाम जोड़ने हेतु बी0एल0ओ0 द्वारा घर-घर जाकर प्रपत्र-6 भरा जायेगा। | |
| 3. वैसे मतदाता जो इस क्षेत्र में नहीं रहते हो या उनकी मृत्यु हो गई है, वैसे मतदाता का नाम हटाने हेतु प्रपत्र-7 भरने की कार्यवाही की जायेगी। | |

78-छतरपुर विधानसभा के वैसे सभी मतदाता अपने अंचल कार्यालय में /ऑनलाईन- **www.nvsp.in** पर नाम जोड़ने हेतु प्रपत्र-6, नाम विलोपन हेतु प्रपत्र-7, सुधार हेतु प्रपत्र-8 ,मतदाता का मतदान केन्द्र परिवर्तन हेतु प्रपत्र-8ए हेतु सभी आवश्यक कागजात के साथ जमा कर सकते हैं।
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—सह-अनुमंडल पदाधिकारी, छतरपुर (पलामू)।

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| सर्वसाधारण को एतद द्वारा सुचित किया जाता है कि आगामी 21.10.2019 को जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिका र, बोकारो के सौजन्य से श्रम विभाग एवं अन्य सरकारी विभागों की सहायता से जिले के असंगठित क्षेत्र के श्रमिकों के विषय पर एक विधिक सेवा –सह– सशक्तिकरण शिविर का आयोजन पेटरवार प्रखण्ड स्थित राजीव गांधी केन्द्र सह पंचायत सचिवालय, सदमाकला पंचायम, पेटरवार, बोकारो में किया जाना है। उक्त शिविर में असंगठित क्षेत्र के श्रमिकों के निबंधन करने एवं उन्हें सरकार की योजनाओं से लामाप्यित करने हेतु अभियान चलाया जा रहा है। बोकारो जिला के द्वारा असंगठित क्षेत्र के श्रमिकों का निबंधन करने एवं असंगठित श्रमिकों के लिए सरकार की विभिन्न कल्याणकारी योजनाएँ जैसे–प्रधानमंत्री श्रम–योगी मानधन योजना 2019 सहित छात्रवृत्ति योजना, मातृत्व प्रसुविधा योजना, प्रधानमंत्री जीवन ज्योति बीमा योजना, प्रधानमंत्री जीवन सुखसा योजना इत्यादि एवं शांखधन भवन एवं अन्य सन्निर्माण कार्यों में कार्यरत निबंधित श्रमिकों के लिए लाभकारी योजनाएँ जैसे– श्रमिक औजार सहायता योजना, साईकिल सहायता योजना, समेकित आम आदमी बीमा योजना, झारखण्ड निर्माण कर्मकार मृत्यु/ दुर्घटना सहायता योजना, मेधावी पुत्र/पुत्री छात्रवृत्ति योजना, चिकित्सा प्रतिपूर्ति योजना, चिकित्सा सहायता योजना, मातृत्व प्रसुविधा योजना, अल्टर्यि्ट सहायता योजना, विवाह सहायता योजना, पेंशन योजना, नि:शक्तता पेंशन, पारिवारिक पेंशन योजना, अनाथ पेंशन, निर्माण श्रमिक सेफ्टीकटि योजना इत्यादि, चलायी जा रही है।इस शिविर के द्वारा उपरोक्त योजनाओं के साथ ही साथ अन्य सरकारी योजनाओं से लोगों को लामाप्यित करने का लक्ष्य है। उपरोक्त योजनाओं में से मुख्य रूप से प्रधानमंत्री श्रम–योगी मानधन योजना 2019 जो कि असंगठित क्षेत्र के श्रमिकों के लिए पेंशन योजना है, से लोगों को लामाप्यित करने का लक्ष्य है :– प्रधानमंत्री श्रम–योगी मानधन योजना, 2019 मे शामिल होने की शर्तें या पात्रता :– 1. वह असंगठित कर्मकार हा और उसकी उम्र 18 से 40 के बीच हो तथा उसकी आय 15000 /– से अधिक न हो। 2. वह केन्द्र सरकार या राज्य सरकार के पेंशन स्कीम में या ESIC या EPF का सदस्य न हो और आयकर दाता न हो। 3. उसका काम मे खाता हो और आधार से लिंक हो। नोट– 1. उपरोक्त योजनाओं संबंधी किसी भी प्रकार की जानकारी के लिए जिले मे श्रम कार्यालय मे अवस्थित फेसिलीटेशन सेंटर या श्रमिक मित्र (मो0-6207955043) या स्थानीय श्रम प्रवर्तन पदाधिकारी/जिला में पदस्थापित श्रम अधीक्षक/सहायक श्रमायुक्त/उप श्रमायुक्त से सम्पर्क कर सकते हैं या फिर Toll Free No. 18003456526 एवं www.shamadhan.jharkhand.co.in के द्वारा जानकारी प्राप्त कर सकते हैं। 2. साथ ही जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिका र, बोकारो (Tel. No. 06542-221003)/अनुमंडलीय विधिक सेवा समिति, तेनुघाट/बोकारो जिले के नजदीकी ग्राम विधिक देख–रेख एवं सहायता केन्द्रों की सहायता भी ले सकते हैं। अपील– अधिकाधिक संख्या में फार्म भरकर उपरोक्त वर्णित स्थानों पर दिनांक– 21.10.2019 तक जमा करें, ताकि निबंधन किया जा सकें। निबंधन हेतु विधिक सेवा –सह– सशक्तिकरण शिविर का स्थान, दिन एवं समय – पेटरवार प्रखण्ड स्थित राजीव गांधी केन्द्र सह पंचायत सचिवालय, सदमाकला पंचायम, पेटरवार, बोकारो दिनांक 21.10.2019 को पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे से। सचिव जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, बोकारो P.R.219637 Law(19-20)-D |
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निविदा सूचना

एतत् द्वारा GST धारको को सूचित किया जाता है कि मेदिनीनगर वन प्रमण्डल के अन्तर्गत निम्नांकित अंतिम रूप से राज्यसात वाहनों को जहाँ जिस स्थिति में है के आधार पर बिक्की हेतु मुहरबन्द लिफाफे में निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा दिनांक 06.11.2019 को 11:00 बजे पूर्वाह्न से 2:00 बजे अपराह्न तक प्रमण्डलीय कार्यालय में प्राप्त की जायेगी। निविदा उसी दिन प्रमण्डलीय कार्यालय में निविदादाता या उनके द्वारा प्राधिकृत प्रतिनिधि के समक्ष 3:00 बजे अपराह्न में खोली जायेगी। प्रत्येक वाहन के लिए उच्चतम मूल्य/ उच्चतम निविदा के लिए स्वीकार करने के लिए सरकार बाध्य नहीं होगी एवं उसे बिना कोई कारण बताये बिक्की से उठा लेने या रद्द करने के लिए समक्ष होगी। निविदा स्वीकृति प्राप्त होने के 15 (पन्द्रह) दिनों के अन्दर सफल निविदादाताओं को पूरी राशि एवं कर (वाणिज्य कर) नियमानुसार एक मुश्त में जमा करना होगा। अगर निविदादाता निर्धारित समय के अंतर्गत पूरी राशि जमा नहीं कर पाता है, तो उसके द्वारा जमा किया गया अग्रधन की राशि बिना कोई कारण बताये राज्यसात कर ली जायेगी। निविदादाताओं को 10000.00 (दस हजार) रूपये का बैंक ड्राफ्ट जो वन प्रमण्डल पदाधिकारी, मेदिनीनगर वन प्रमण्डल के पदनाम से किसी भी राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक पर भुगतये हो, अग्रधन से रूप में निविदा के साथ सलन करना होगा। निविदा प्रपत्र किसी भी कार्य दिवस को 200.00 (दो सौ) रूपये नगद भुगतान कर प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। असफल निविदादाता को अग्रधन की राशि तुरन्त वापस कर दी जायेगी। सफल निविदादाता द्वारा जमा की गई अग्रधन की राशि वाहन के मूल्य में समायोजित कर दी जायेगी। इच्छुक निविदादाता निविदा देने के पूर्व किसी भी दिन कार्यालय अवधि में वाहनों का उनके स्थान पर निरीक्षण कर सकते है। निविदादाता डाक द्वारा भी निविदा भेज सकते है, बशर्ते कि विहित प्रपत्र में निविदा अग्रधन राशि सहित पूरी तरह मुहरबन्द लिफाफे में दिनांक 06.11.2019 को 2:00 बजे अपराह्न के पहले कार्यालय में प्राप्त हो सके।

| क्र० सं० | सी0एफ० वाद संख्या | वाहन का प्रकार | निबंधन संख्या/ इंजन संख्या/ चेबीसी संख्या | वाहन जहाँ, स्थिति है। |
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| 01 | सी0एफ० वाद संख्या 15/2008 | ट्रैक्टर, ट्रेलर | BHZ-3167, ट्रेलर संख्या शून्य | मोहम्मदगंज प्रक्षेत्र में। |
| 02 | सी0एफ० वाद संख्या 83/2009 | ट्रैक्टर, ट्रेलर | इंजन नम्बर Mahendra 275 FF3040912 R/4 | हरिहरगंज वन परिसर में। |
| 03 | सी0एफ० वाद संख्या 95/2010 | ट्रैक्टर, ट्रेलर | BRZ-4052, ट्रेलर संख्या BRZ4053 | पांकी थाना परिसर में। |
| 04 | सी0एफ० वाद संख्या 109/2011 | कमाण्डर जीप | UP-45-3391 | प्रमण्डलीय कार्यालय प्रांगण में। |
| 05 | सी0एफ० वाद संख्या 35/2012 | मारुति भैन | BEN-9670 | चैनपुर प्रक्षेत्र कार्यालय परिसर में। |
| 06 | सी0एफ० वाद संख्या 26/2009 | ट्रैक्टर, ट्रेलर | UP-70B-9515, ट्रेलर संख्या शून्य | वन परिसर विश्रामपुर, परिसर। |
| 07 | सी0एफ० वाद संख्या 04/2012 | मोटरसाईकिल | इंजन नम्बर JBUTF15691 | छतरपुर पूर्वी प्रक्षेत्र कार्यालय प्रांगण में। |
| 08 | सी0एफ० वाद संख्या 134/2012 | मारुति भैन | PAM-4546 | प्रमण्डलीय कार्यालय प्रांगण में। |
| 09 | सी0एफ० वाद संख्या 73/2010 | ट्रैक्टर, ट्रेलर | JH-14A-2922, ट्रेलर संख्या शून्य | चैनपुर प्रक्षेत्र कार्यालय परिसर में। |
| 10 | सी0एफ० वाद संख्या 35/2011 | टाटा मैजिक | JH-03D-2520 | चैनपुर प्रक्षेत्र कार्यालय परिसर में। |
| 11 | सी0एफ० वाद संख्या 73/2010 | ट्रैक्टर, ट्रेलर | JH-03B-9158, ट्रेलर संख्या शून्य | चैनपुर प्रक्षेत्र कार्यालय परिसर में। |
| 12 | सी0एफ० वाद संख्या 09/2001 | ट्रैक्टर, ट्रेलर | UTQ-3846, ट्रेलर संख्या शून्य | चैनपुर प्रक्षेत्र कार्यालय परिसर में। |
| 13 | सी0एफ० वाद संख्या 75/2010 | ट्रैक्टर, ट्रेलर | BHC-609, ट्रेलर संख्या शून्य | थाना परिसर हुसैनाबाद। |
| 14 | सी0एफ० वाद संख्या 192/2008 | ट्रैक्टर, ट्रेलर | UP-60K-4470, ट्रेलर संख्या शून्य | थाना परिसर पांकी। |
| 15 | सी0एफ० वाद संख्या 85/2013 | टेम्पू | JH-03F-3427 | चैनपुर प्रक्षेत्र प्रांगण। |
| 16 | सी0एफ० वाद संख्या 84/2013 | मोटरसाईकिल | CG-15C-9298 | चैनपुर प्रक्षेत्र प्रांगण। |
| 17 | सी0एफ० वाद संख्या 84/2013 | मोटरसाईकिल | JH-03C-9669 | चैनपुर प्रक्षेत्र प्रांगण। |
| 18 | सी0एफ० वाद संख्या 122/2010 | ट्रैक्टर, ट्रेलर | JH-01S-2692, ट्रेलर संख्या शून्य | विश्रामपुर थाना प्रांगण। |
| 19 | कम्पलेन वाद संख्या 1760/2017 | ट्रैक्टर, ट्रेलर | ट्रैक्टर संख्या JH-03G-3215 टेलर संख्या शून्य | चैनपुर प्रक्षेत्र प्रांगण। |
| 20 | कम्पलेन वाद संख्या 1678/2015 | ट्रैक्टर, ट्रेलर | JH-03-J-4074, टेलर संख्या JH-03J-0112 | चैनपुर प्रक्षेत्र प्रांगण। |
| 21 | कम्पलेन वाद संख्या 335/2016 | कमाण्डर जीप | OR-14C-6580 | छतरपुर पूर्वी प्रक्षेत्र प्रांगण। |
| 22 | कम्पलेन वाद संख्या 967/2017 | पीकअप भैन | JH-01Y-8419 | प्रमण्डलीय कार्यालय प्रांगण। |
| 23 | कम्पलेन वाद संख्या 1510/2017 | ट्रैक्टर, ट्रेलर | ट्रैक्टर संख्या JH-03C-5244, टेलर संख्या शून्य | चैनपुर प्रक्षेत्र प्रांगण। |
| 24 | कम्पलेन वाद संख्या 1910/2017 | ट्रैक्टर, ट्रेलर | ट्रैक्टर संख्या JH-03H-5620, टेलर संख्या शून्य | चैनपुर प्रक्षेत्र प्रांगण। |

[जिसे अब तक ना सम्झे, वो कहानी हूँ मैं, मुझे बर्बाद मत करो पानी हूँ मैं।]
PR 219548 (Forest, Environment and Climate Changes)19-20#D

(राहुल कुमार, भाववत्सेो)
वन प्रमण्डल पदाधिकारी,
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| कार्यालय, नगर पंचायत, लातेहार जिला- लातेहार |
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| अतिअल्पकालीन कोटेशन/दर आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या-06/2019-20 |
| अतिअल्पकालीन कोटेशन/दर आमंत्रण सूचना |
| नगर पंचायत, लातेहार क्षेत्रान्तर्गत आवश्यकतानुसार मुख्य मार्ग एवं अन्य मार्गों पर पथ प्रकाश हेतु अधिष्ठापित किये गये LED Light मरम्मति की आवश्यकता है। अतः इच्छुक व्यक्ति/संस्था अलग-अलग सीलबन्द लिफाफे में निविदा/कोटेशन दिनांक 22.10.19 के 2.00 बजे अपराह्न तक नगर पंचायत, लातेहार के कार्यालय में जमा कर सकते हैं। संबंधित निविदा /कोटेशन दिनांक 22.10.19 को अपराह्न 3.30 बजे निविदादाता या उनके द्वारा प्राधिकृत व्यक्ति के समक्ष नगर पंचायत, लातेहार के निविदा समिति (Procurement Committeee) द्वारा खोला जायेगा। तथा निविदा हेतु निर्धारित नियम एवं शर्त कार्यालय अवधि में कार्यालय सूचना पट्ट/कार्यालय से सम्पर्क कर देखा जा सकता है, या लातेहार जिला के वेवसाईड www.latehar.nic.in पर देखा या डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। |
| कार्यपालक पदाधिकारी, नगर पंचायत, लातेहार |
| PR219612 (Urban Development)19-20"D बूंद – बूंद नहीं बरतेंगे तो बूंद को तरसेेंगे |



झारखंड सरकार

पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल सं०-२ धनबाद

(PR No- 218586)

अति अल्पकालीन तृतीय पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या – 17/2019-20 दिनांक 14.10.2019



झारखंड सरकार

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| 1 | विभाग का नाम | पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग | | | |
| 2 | विज्ञापनदाता नाम | पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल सं०-२ धनबाद | | | |
| 3 | परिमाण विपत्र बिक्की की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय | दिनांक 21.10.2019 को 04:00 बजे अपराह्न तक | | | |
| 4 | निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय | दिनांक 23.10.2019 को 04:00 बजे अपराह्न तक | | | |
| 5 | निविदा खोलने तिथि एवं समय | दिनांक 23.10.2019 को 04:30 बजे अपराह्न तक | | | |
| 6 | परिमाण विपत्र बिक्की का स्थान | पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल सं०-२, धनबाद का कार्यालय। | | | |
| 7 | निविदा प्राप्ति एवं खोलने स्थान | पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल सं०-२, धनबाद का कार्यालय। | | | |
| 8 | कार्य का नाम – | | | | |

| क्र० सं० | कार्य का विवरण | प्राक्कलित राशि (लाख में) | अग्रधन की राशि (रूपये में) | परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (रूपये में) | कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि |
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| 1 | Supplying & Laying of 100 mm dia D.I. Distribution Main From ESR to Maharajganj Along East side of NH Road in Tund Block under D.W. & S. Division No-2, Dhanbad | 14.69436 | 29500.00 | 2500.00 | 2 माह |

(I) कृपया निविदा की नियम एवं शर्तें कार्यालय सूचना पट पर देखा जा सकता है। संवेदक निविदा जमा करते समय परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य बैंक ड्राफ्ट के माध्यम से तकनीकी बीड के साथ अनुलन करेंगे जो कार्यपालक अभियंता पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल सं०-२ धनबाद के पदनाम से भुगतये होगा जो लौटाया नहीं जायेगा।

कार्यालयिक अभियंता

पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल सं०-२ धनबाद

PR 219673 Drinking Water and Sanitation (19-20)_D

बूंद – बूंद नहीं बरतेंगे तो बूंद को तरसेेंगे

धनबाद

| कार्यालय जिला शिक्षा पदाधिकारी, हजारीबाग राजकीय संस्कृत उच्च विद्यालय परिसर, हजारीबाग – 825301 E-mail deo_hazaribagh@rediff mail.com |
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| आवश्यक सूचना |
| विज्ञापन संख्या-04/2019-20 |
| जिला अन्तर्गत माध्यमिक विद्यालयों से दिनांक-30.09.2019 तक सेवा निवृत्त प्रधानाध्यापक/सहायक शिक्षक एवं शिक्षकेत्तर कर्मियों को इस विज्ञप्ति के माध्यम से सूचित किया जाता है कि यदि उनका पेंशनादि लाभ से संबंधित कोई मामला अबतक लिखित है तो उससे संबंधित कागजात विहित प्रपत्र में अपने नियंत्री प्रधानाध्यापक/ प्रधानाध्यापक /निकासी एवं व्यय पदाधिकारी के माध्यम से मूल सेवा पुस्तिका एवं अन्य संगत अभिलेखों के साथ दिनांक-31.10.2019 तक अधोहस्ताक्षरी कार्यालय को अनिवार्य रूप से उपलब्ध कराना सुनिश्चित करें, ताकि उसका निष्पादन किया जा सके। |
| उक्त के अतिरिक्त वैसे शिक्षक /शिक्षकेत्तर कर्मी, जो अगले 06 माह में सेवा निवृत्त होने वाले हैं, अपना पेंशनादि से संबंधित कागजात विहित प्रपत्र में तैयार कर On-line कराते हुए नियंत्री पदाधिकारी के माध्यम से मूल सेवा पुस्त के साथ अधोहस्ताक्षरी कार्यालय को उपलब्ध कराना सुनिश्चित करें, ताकि संबंधित शिक्षक/कर्मी को सेवा निवृति के दिन ही सेवा निवृति लाभ का भुगतान किया जा सके। सभी प्रधानाध्यापक/प्रभारी प्रधानाध्यापक भी इस पर विशेष रुचि रखते हुए अधीनस्तों के पेंशनादि लाभ के भुगतान में यथोचित सहयोग करेंगे। |
| जिला शिक्षा पदाधिकारी, हजारीबाग |
| PR219607 (School Education and Literacy)19-20"D बूंद – बूंद नहीं बरतेंगे तो बूंद को तरसेेंगे |

कार्यालय जिला कृषि पदाधिकारी-सह-परियोजना निदेशक आत्मा, लातेहार

| कार्यालय जिला कृषि पदाधिकारी-सह-परियोजना निदेशक आत्मा, लातेहार |
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| कृषि, पशुपालन एवं सहकारिता विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची के Sub Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE) Under National Mission on Agricultural Extension & Technology (NMAET) योजना के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित विज्ञापन संख्या-PR-216378 Agriculture (2019-20)-D के आलोक में प्रखण्ड तकनीकी प्रबंधक (BTM) एवं सहायक तकनीकी प्रबंधक (ATM) के पद पर नियुक्ति हेतु प्राप्त आवेदन पत्रों की स्क्रूटनी उपरान्त आपत्ति निराकरण हेतु वेबसाईट atmalatehar.in एवं latehar.nic.in पर अपलोड कर दिया गया है जिसे दिनांक 14.10.2019 से देखा जा सकता है। आपत्ति का निराकरण दिनांक 14.10.2019 से 17.10.2019 तक आत्मा कार्यालय, संयुक्त जिला कृषि कार्यालय भवन, कीनामाड़, लातेहार में कार्य अवधि में आकर कर सकते हैं। दिनांक 17.10.2019 उपरान्त आपत्ति निराकरण पर कोई विचार नहीं किया जाएगा। |
| निवेदक: जिला कृषि पदाधिकारी-सह-परियोजना निदेशक, आत्मा, लातेहार |
| बूंद – बूंद नहीं बरतेंगे तो बूंद को तरसेेंगे जिला कृषि पदाधिकारी-सह-परियोजना निदेशक, आत्मा, लातेहार PR 219662 (Agriculture)19-20"D |

कार्यालय उपायुक्त-सह-जिला दण्डाधिकारी, गुमला (खनन शाखा)

गुमला जिला के कामडारा अंचल अन्तर्गत ग्राम-सालेगुट, पाहनटोली, दक्षिणी कोयल नदी के उत्तरी किनारे के पास भंडारित बालू खनिज का आम नीलामी हेतु सूचना :-

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि गुमला जिला के कामडारा अंचल अन्तर्गत ग्राम-सालेगुट, पाहनटोली, दक्षिणी कोयल नदी के उत्तरी किनारे के पास अवैध रूप से भण्डारित 49623.30 घनफुट बालू खनिज को Jharkhand Minerals(Prevention of Illegal Mining Transportation& Storage) Rules-2017 के नियम-11 के तहत जिला खनन पदाधिकारी, गुमला के द्वारा जप्त किया गया है। उक्त भण्डारित बालू खनिज को झारखण्ड लघु खनिज समनुदान संशोधन नियमावली-2004 यथा संशोधित नियमावली-2019 के नियम-54 A के तहत् आम नीलामी दिनांक 25.10.2019 के पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे उपायुक्त/प्राधिकृत प्रतिनिधि, गुमला के देख-रेख में विकास भवन, गुमला के सभा कक्ष में सम्पन्न की जायेगी।

नोट : निलामी संबंधित नियम एवं शर्तें **www.prdjharkhand.in** के वेबसाइट पर देखा जा सकता है। साथ ही विशेष जानकारी के लिए जिला खनन कार्यालय, गुमला में किसी भी कार्य दिवस में सम्पर्क स्थापित किया जा सकता है।

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12.10.2019
उपायुक्त, गुमला

| GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND Deputy Development Commissioner DRDA Building, Collectoriate Campus, Hazaribagh-825301 Jharkhand |
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| CORRIGENDUM Dated 14.10.2019 |
| “Supply of Flour Mill Plant Hazaribagh district through DMFT fund.” |
| This is with reference to advertised on 10 th October, 2019 and PR No. 219289, in various newspapers and www.hazaribag.nic.in for “Supply of Flour (Atta) Mill Plant Hazaribagh district through DMFT fund.” |
| Correction |
| As per the discussion in “Pre Bid Meeting” held on 14 th Oct at 11.00 AM with different vendors/bidders, the following specification is required to be fulfilled by the bidders. |
| 1) Semi automatic packaging machine of packing capacity of 2-10 Kgs is required. |
| 2) Bidders should have experience of same trade. Relevant document is to be submitted in bid. |
| 3) The company should be ISO certified. |
| 4) The machine should be produced in India only. |
| 5) The machine should be “Shock Proof” any certification for the same may be submitted. |
| 6) Chakki stone should be 24" or 30". |
| 7) Size of work station will be of 70" *40" with height of 25'. |
| 8) Bidders should provide rate of AMC for 2 nd to 4 th year. |
| 9) All internal setups, wiring, fabrication, etc has to be done by the bidder (except PCC flooring). |
| Other terms and conditions will remain same. Hence, the following correction may please be noted by the tenderers. |
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127 ISIS-linked radicals held by NIA, TN tops list

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As many as 127 persons connected to the global terror group ISIS have been arrested in India so far. Most of the ISIS-linked persons were arrested from Tamil Nadu, where 33 radicals were nabbed, followed by 19 from Uttar Pradesh, 17 from Kerala and 14 from Telangana, the NIA said on Monday.

The NIA has registered a total of 287 cases till September this year and a bulk of it is related to terrorism. The number of terror related probe under NIA probe is 110.

Of the 177 remaining cases, the agency has registered 50 cases for probing insurgency in the Northeast, 48 instances of Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN), 28 for investigating Naxal-related incidents, 15 for Khalistani terrorism, one case involves human trafficking besides 35 in miscellaneous category.

Terror-related cases under NIA probe, 32 instances are from Jammu and Kashmir, 22 are connected to the ISIS terror group 50 have been put in



"others" category.

In three of these ISIS cases from Kerala and Tamil Nadu, the accused have admitted that they were radicalised by Colombo suicide bomber Zahran Hashim's videos.

The NIA had swung into action only after the Colomobo bombings that took a toll of over 250 persons including 12 Indians in a serial suicide bombings incident.

The Jamaat-ul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) was trying to spread its tentacles across India and a list of 125 suspects have been shared with different states, National Investigation Agency (NIA) Chief, YC Modi said.

Modi was addressing a meeting of chiefs of the Anti

Terrorism Squads (ATS), Modi said the JMB has spread its activities in States like Jharkhand, Bihar, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala in the guise of Bangladeshi immigrants.

"The NIA has shared with states concerned a list of 125 suspected activists who have close links with the JMB leadership," he said.

NIA Inspector General Alok Mittal said from 2014 to 2018, the JMB has set up 20-22 hideouts in Bengaluru and tried to spread its bases in South India.

"The JMB even conducted a trial of rocket launchers in the Krishnagiri hills along the Karnataka border," Mittal added.

Common e-toll system across country from December 1

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Several States on Monday Sjoined hands to pave the way for a common electronic toll system across the country as mandated by the Road Transport and Highways Ministry beginning December 1. States signed an MoU for an integrated FASTag with e-way bill system and also a NHAI prepaid wallet system to enable commuters for a hassle free ride on tolled roads and expressways throughout the country.

Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said the integrated tolling system will provide seamless movement for road users and check revenues leakage at toll plazas. Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways Gen. (Retd.) V.K Singh and transport ministers and senior officials from several states were also in attendance.

The Ministry is encouraging States to come onboard FASTag, so that seamless movement of transport can be assured across the nation. For this, Scheme Guidelines for Inclusion of State/ City Toll Plaza under NETC programme (FASTag) was circulated to all

states by Indian Highways Management Corp Ltd (IHMCL).

The Scheme offers participating State authorities/agencies shorter turnaround time by allowing them to be a part of the robust FASTag solution architecture which already supports approx. 6 million tags with approximately daily 10 lakh transactions. Another MoU was also signed between IHMCL and GST Network (GSTN) for integrating E-Way Bill system with FASTag.

"The move assumes special significance due to the fact that from 1st of December this year, toll collections on all National Highways will mandatorily be done through FASTag only," said Gadkari inaugurating a conference on 'One Nation One Tag - FASTag' in the national Capital to roll out the process for having a unified electronic system across the country.

The Minister said that the FASTag is being positioned as the 'Aadhaar' for a vehicle and in future efforts are being carried out to enable usage of FASTag for making various vehicle related payments apart from toll payments, such as fuel

payment, parking charges, etc. Under the National Electronic Toll Collection programme of the Ministry, toll collection at national highways toll plazas is done through RFID based FASTags. However, collection at State highways toll plazas is done either manually or through other tags. This leads to inconvenience for the road users.

FASTag is acceptable across over 490 National Highways toll plazas and selected 39+ State highways toll plazas. More than 6 Million FASTag were issued till last month, with overall cumulative ETC collection of over ₹12,850 Crore since inception. The total cumulative number of successful ETC transactions carried out is over 5540.67 lakhs as in September 2019.

IHMCL and NHAI have developed the 'My FASTag mobile App' to provide a single one-stop solution to FASTag customers. The App helps linking of bank neutral FASTag to bank account of customer's choice.

An NHAI Prepaid Wallet was also launched giving customers the choice of not linking their FASTag to their bank accounts.

Syria welcomes India's statement on Turkey offensive

New Delhi: Syrian Ambassador Riad Kamel Abbas on Monday welcomed India's statement on Turkey for its "unilateral military offensive" in northeastern Syria, saying New Delhi has a "strong voice" in the international community and Damascus looks forward to joining hands with it for further cooperation.

The envoy also said, "Turkey supports terror and all countries who support Turkey, support terror". He said this in response to a question on Pakistan extending support to Turkey's military offensive in Syria.

Pakistan has offered backing to Turkey in its offensive against Kurdish forces in Syria.

Turkey last week launched an offensive in northern Syria targeting the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces.

India had said it was "deeply concerned" over the "unilateral military offensive" by Turkey in northeastern Syria and asserted that the action can undermine stability in the region as well as the fight against terrorism. **PTI**

INSHORT

PROVIDE SECURITY TO UP WAQF CHIEF: SC

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Monday directed the Uttar Pradesh Government to provide security 'forthwith' to the UP Waqf Board Chairperson Zafar Ahmed Farooqui. A 5-judge Constitution bench, headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi, took note of the communication addressed to it by the mediation committee that Farooqui apprehended threat and directed the State Government to take immediate steps to provide him security.

NO AADHAAR LINKING WITH SOCIAL MEDIA

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday refused to entertain a petition seeking a direction to the Centre to take steps for linking social media accounts with Aadhaar to check the menace of "fake and paid news". The apex court granted liberty to the petitioner to approach the high court. Advocate and BJP leader Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay, the petitioner in the case, withdrew his plea.

DATAGAMI LAUNCHES SMARTREE IN MUMBAI

New Delhi: System integrator in the Artificial Intelligence (AI), ERP and Cyber Security space, Datagami, launched its IT Education arm, Smartree, in Mumbai. Datagami is a new-age digital technology, consulting and effective business process management service company helping customers align their business with AI, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Big Data Analytics, Cyber Security, Robotics Process Automation and Blockchain.

GOVT'S RESPONSE ON MARITAL PLEA SOUGHT

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday sought the Centre's response on a plea seeking directions for formulating a uniform format for disclosing information by husband and wife before the family court for granting maintenance in matrimonial disputes.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Min asked to file status report on crop fires

New Delhi: With the air quality plunging to "very poor" category in Delhi, the Supreme Court on Monday asked the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change(MoEF) to file a status report on the recommendations of a high level task force on prevention of stubble burning in Punjab, Haryana and western Uttar Pradesh.

The overall Air Quality Index (AQI) in Delhi touched the 301 mark by 10 pm on Sunday and during night, the air quality had plunged to the "very poor" category in all the parts of the national capital.

The issue cropped up before a bench of justices Arun Mishra and Deepak Gupta when senior advocate Aparajita Singh, assisting the top court as an amicus curiae in the pollution matter, said that MoEF should be asked to file a status report on this.

Singh told the bench that on January 29 last year, the apex court has passed an order on the issue after the Centre had said that report of a sub-committee of the high level task force on prevention of stubble burning in these three States was accepted.She said that as long time has gone by since the top court's last year order, MoEF should be asked to file a status report about the implementation of the directions as well as the report

of the committee.The bench asked the MoEF, which is the nodal ministry for implementation of the report of the sub-committee on stubble burning, to file a status report within two weeks.On November 23, 2017, a high level task force for management of air pollution in Delhi and the national capital region (NCR) **PTI**



ONLINE RTI PORTAL

Centre, 25 States get four more weeks to file replies

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Monday gave four more weeks to the Centre and 25 States to file responses on a plea seeking directions for setting up online RTI portals, enabling people to apply electronically for the information required instead of filing applications

physically.

A bench of justices N V Ramana, Sanjiv Khanna and Krishna Murari expressed displeasure that though the apex court had issued notice to the Centre and States on the petition on August 26, they have not filed their responses yet.

The top court, while giving four more weeks for filing response, made it clear that

no further adjournment would be given in the matter.

The bench was hearing a PIL, filed by Delhi-based NGO 'Pravasi Legal Cell', which has said the Right to Information (RTI) Act is a "powerful tool" and its true objective could be achieved only by timely response to citizens' request. **PTI**

Why alternate methods not being used to settle legal disputes involving Govt, asks Parl Panel

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As county's High Courts have estimated to have piled up around three lakh cases and lower courts having two to three crore pending cases, members of a parliamentary panel on Monday sought to know from top law Ministry officials as to why alternate methods are not being used to resolve legal disputes , particularly those involving Government as a litigant .

Members also asked about the number of cases in which the government is the litigant and sought detailed response from the Department of Legal Affairs in the form of a questionnaire to be sent to the department. Government is reportedly the largest litigant in the courts.

Law Secretary (Department of Legal Affairs) Alok Shrivastava made presentations on functioning of the department and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms in a meeting on Monday before the Parliament's standing committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice.

The 30-member parliamentary standing committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice, which has MPs from across the party lines is headed by BJP's Rajya Sabha member Bhupender Yadav. Sources quoted a member asking the secretary Legal Affairs that if it is true that the Government is the major litigant, then why not alternate methods of resolving disputes involving the Government to dent huge pendency of case were being taken.

Seven booked for sharing child porn on WhatsApp

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has booked seven persons for allegedly being part of international WhatsApp groups in which child porn images were being shared.

The case was registered after a Preliminary Enquiry on the basis of an a note verbale (diplomatic communication) received from the German Embassy here to the the International Police Cooperation Cell (IPCC) of the CBI on January 31, 2019.

Germany had informed the CBI about child porn convict Sasche Treppke, who was sentenced to five years in prison in that country for involvement in sexual abuse of children and distributing child pornography.

The PE revealed that he was part of 29 WhatsApp groups where child porn was being shared. These groups have

seven Indian mobile numbers and all the seven persons having these numbers have been booked by the CBI, officials said.In early 2018, the agency had launched a worldwide probe into a child pornography case with help from Interpol.

The agency had approached 40 countries in probing details of mobile phone owners who were part of a WhatsApp group, in which certain inappropriate images and videos were being shared.

As many as 234 members were there in the "child pornography group" comprising 66 Indian numbers, 56 Pakistan, 29 from the US and the remaining from 37 other countries.

The agency had sent a reference to these countries through Interpol and some of them have been sharing information related to the users.

PM Modi holds talks with King, Queen of Netherlands

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 14 held talks with King of the Netherlands Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima with a focus on enhancing bilateral, cultural, and economic ties between the two countries.

The royal couple, accompanied by a large delegation of ministers, officials and top Dutch business honchos, arrived on October 13 on a five-day visit.It is King Alexander's first State visit to India, following his ascension to the throne in 2013.

In their talks, the Prime Minister and the royal couple broadly reviewed the overall bilateral ties and touched upon possible areas of deepening cooperation between the two nations, officials said.

Earlier in the day, the King and the Queen were accorded



a ceremonial reception at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

The royal couple will also visit Mumbai and Kochi.

The ties between India and the Netherlands have been on an upswing in the last few years.India and the Netherlands have a bilateral trade turnover of \$12.87 billion in 2018-19. The Netherlands is the fifth largest investor in India with a cumulative investment of \$23 billion for the period 2000 to 2017. **PTI**

Five Punjab cops in jail for militancy-era crimes to be freed

New Delhi: Five police personnel, undergoing life sentence for offences committed during militancy in Punjab, will be released from jails after the Centre approved a proposal of the State Government in this effect, officials said.

The decision came a fortnight after the Union Home Ministry decided to release eight Sikh prisoners, lodged in different jails in the country for committing crimes during the militancy in Punjab.

"The government of India has accepted the request of the government of Punjab for grant of special remission and release of five Punjab Police personnel undergoing sentence in different jails in Punjab for offences committed during militancy period in Punjab," a Home Ministry official said. **PTI**

Concession soon in fares for students, senior citizens in Delhi Metro: Min

New Delhi: The Central Government will soon announce concession in Delhi Metro fares for students and senior citizens as a technology-based solution has been found to implement the same, Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said on Monday.

In an interview to PTI, the Union housing and urban affairs Minister said that the relief can also be extended to passengers of other categories, but it would be need-based. Currently, no discount on fares is offered for any category of passengers on the Delhi Metro. "We are ready with technology-based solution to provide relief to students and senior citizens travelling on metro trains. The Central Government will implement it appropriately," Puri said. **PTI**

Govt finalises members of NMC

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Health Ministry on Monday finalised the much-awaited names of 25 members of the National Medical Commission (NMC) that will replace the Medical Council of India (MCI), through a draw of lots from the nominations sent by the State Governments, Union territories and State medical councils.

Once the NMC comes into being, the MCI will automatically get dissolved and the nearly 63-year-old Indian Medical Council Act will stand abolished.

The exercise of selecting the 25 members took place in the presence mediapersons, who participated in the entire process, which was video-graphed.

"Today, 25 part-time members, including 10 vice-chancellors (VCs) from different states, nine representatives from the State Medical Councils (SMCs) and four members for the four autonomous boards, were selected," Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said. "We had nine months to

select the members of the NMC and within a short span of two months, we have framed the rules, notified those and also carried out the process of selection of the part-time members. To ensure probity and integrity of the highest order, a compact body is being selected through a transparent mechanism and representation of the states and state councils in rotation. This will facilitate faster decision making also," he added.

He said the inclusion of members from a diverse background for balanced policy prescriptions was also being ensured.

The four boards to be set up under the NMC Act are the Under-Graduate Medical Education Board (UGMEB), the Post-Graduate Medical Education Board (PGMEB), the Medical Assessment and Rating Board and the Ethics and Medical Registration Board.

During the lottery, 10 VCs from Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Gujarat, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Punjab and Haryana were selected.

Those selected include Professor Rajendra Pandey, VC of the West Bengal University of Health Sciences, Himanshu A Pandya, VC of the Gujarat University, Professor Mahesh Verma, VC of the Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University in Delhi, Rajababu Panwar, VC of the Rajasthan University of Health Sciences and Raj Bahadur, VC of the Baba Farid University of Health Sciences in Punjab's Faridkot among others.

Following the same procedure, nine representatives from the SMCs of Uttar Pradesh, Sikkim, Kerala, Karnataka, Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra and Manipur were selected.

In the third segment of the draw of lots, four members from Tripura, Jammu & Kashmir, Nagaland and Madhya Pradesh, who will serve as part-time members for the autonomous boards, were selected.

Ajay Kumar Khanna from the Uttarakhand Medical Council was selected for the Search Committee from amongst the nine part-time members of the NMC.

Bihar to pay medical bills of babu soon

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Bihar Government submitted before the Delhi High Court early this month that the process for payment of Jitendra Gupta, the 2013-batch IAS officer of Bihar cadre, is underway and in consideration at PMCH and will be paid to Gupta before the next hearing, which is November 11, 2019.

The Appointments Committee of Cabinet is yet to decide about his posting despite the Delhi High Court's August 4 deadline.

Gupta had to go to multiple hospitalisation, including at AIIMS. The Supreme Court, Delhi High Court and CAT have simultaneously exonerated the officer of all charges framed against him and directed the Nitish Kumar Government to pay the entire backlog salary and foot the medical bill expenses.

Fearing his postings in Bihar, Gupta plead to judiciary, Centre and the State requesting a care transfer.

The Delhi High Court had rebuked the Nitish Kumar Government for "humiliating, harassing" Gupta.

BSF protests non-inclusion of marching contingent in Republic Day parade 2020

New Delhi: The Border Security Force (BSF), that guards important Indian borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh, has protested non-inclusion of its marching contingent in the Republic Day parade to be held at the Rajpath in January next year, official sources said on Monday.

An official order issued by the Union home ministry early this month has been accessed by PTI and it said that only the marching and band contingents of the Central Reserve Police Force, Central Industrial Security Force, Indo-Tibetan Border Police and Delhi Police will be part of the Republic Day parade-2020 to be held on January 26.

The BSF has been asked to only send its camel contingent and camel-mounted band team.

"The BSF has taken up the issue with the home ministry. It is being considered," a senior home ministry official said on the condition of anonymity.

Official sources in the force said the BSF marching contingent was not given a slot in the parade that was held this year in January and despite representation made by the border



guarding force, the contingent was not included.

The Republic Day parade is an esteemed event and troops and officers of various uniformed forces take pride in showcasing their ceremonial best at the event that showcases the defence, security, development and cultural prowess of the country.

The about 2.5 lakh personnel strong BSF is tasked to guard India's terror and infiltration prone border with Pakistan, the crime-sensitive frontier with Bangladesh and is also deployed to render a number of tasks in the internal security domain of the country. Last year, amongst the

Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), both CISF and CRPF were kept out of the January 26 event while the contingents of ITBP, Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) and BSF participated in the parade.

These squads, dressed in their best official and ceremonial regalia, march down the citadel of power at Raisina Hills in central Delhi to the 17th century-built monument Red Fort as per tradition.

The Government, in April 2017, had told Parliament that this random exclusion of the CAPF contingents was being done due to "time constraints" during the annual parade. **PTI**

BSF seeks modern anti-drone system



New Delhi: The Border Security Force (BSF) has sought a modern "anti-drone system" that could detect and destroy a lone or swarm of suspicious aerial platforms in the operations areas, in the wake of recent spurt of UAVs being spotted across the India-Pakistan international border. A full drone detection system will have radars, radio frequency receivers, jammers and system controllers to neutralise all Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs). **PTI**

Mobile phone services restored in Valley

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Peaceful precincts across Kashmir valley Monday reverberated with buzzing sounds of different 'ringtones' after a gap of 71 long days, bringing back smiles on the faces of common people, including businessmen, students and tour operators.

Large number of people, staying away from Kashmir, especially those who had failed to get connected with their loved ones in the absence of land line facilities, finally heard their parents speak, children 'giggle' after a long gap.

Many local residents in Srinagar cheerfully claimed, "It was like Eid is round the corner".

Rough estimates suggested around 40 lakh post paid subscribers across Kashmir valley were connected to the outside world.

Mobile calling facility was suspended across all the net-

works since August 5 when Home Minister Amit Shah announced the Government's decision to nullify Article 370 to strip Jammu & Kashmir of its special status, and also bifurcated the state into two Union Territories.

Since morning, every one was seen hooked on to their mobile phones and struggling to get connected as the authorities had announced that the services would be restored around 12.00 p.m. Initially the network was slow but as the day progressed people started talking to each other freely and exchanged greetings.

Despite shutdown, most of the streets, wore a festive look across different parts of Srinagar and other district headquarters following restoration of mobile calling facilities.

Tour operators in Kashmir valley are looking forward to fresh arrival of tourists in the coming days following restora-



A woman talks to her son, in Srinagar on Monday PTI

tion of mobile calling facility. Security forces are also expecting to intensify their counter terrorist operations across Kashmir valley on receipt of real time information from different 'sources'.

Since August 5, total incidents of militant related violence had come down drastically.

Students, staying away from their classes and gearing up for their competitive exams,

Valley saying safety of Kashmiris was more important than mobile services which the terrorists use for their activities and mobilisation.

"People used to make noise that there is no telephone. We stopped telephone services because terrorists were using them for their activities, mobilisation and indoctrination," Malik said at a police function here.

"For us, the life of a Kashmiri was important and not telephone. People were living without telephones earlier also," he added.

Asserting that mobile phone services were restored now, he said people can go about their normal lives and claimed that tourists had begun arriving in the Valley.

He also ensured that internet services will soon be restored.

"Young boys and girls were having difficulties earlier but

now they can speak to each other. Now, there are no issues. Very soon, we will restore internet services," he remarked.

The Governor said that the situation in Kashmir was normal and there had been no violence in the last more than two months.

He said in the last two months, "not a single bullet" was fired in the Valley and no protests had taken place as he credited the security forces for their strict vigil.

"The Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) had congratulated me for this. I said that I am not worthy of the praise and you should thank the Kashmiri people and the police forces for taking steps to ensure that law and order is maintained," Malik said.

He termed the J&K Police as one of the best police force in the country and promised to increase the compensation amount offered to them.

Prohibitory orders clamped in Ayodhya

PTI ■ AYODHYA

Prohibitory orders under section 144 have been clamped in Ayodhya as the Supreme Court's revised deadline for wrapping up the proceedings in the sensitive Ram Janmabhoomi—Babri Masjid land dispute case approaches.

The prohibitory orders will continue till December 10, officials said.

Posting the order on his official Twitter account, District Magistrate Anuj Kumar Jha said, "The order has been issued considering safety and security of Ayodhya and those visiting here as Govt's paramount concerns."

He added, "I must add that already there is another order in force since 31.08.2019 covering aspects of unlawful assemblies and undesirable activities. The order dated



12.10.2019 has been issued to cover a couple of points which were not there in the earlier order."

The administration has also demanded a large number of security forces to maintain law and order and communal harmony.

Jha told PTI that the order also restricts drones, unmanned aerial vehicle for filming and shooting inside Ayodhya. The sale and purchase of crackers will not be allowed on the occasion of Diwali without permission of the magistrate.

13 dead, 15 hurt in cooking gas cylinder blast

PTI ■ MAU (UP)

At least 13 people died and 15 were injured in an explosion caused by a leakage in a cooking gas cylinder at a house here on Monday, officials said.

The house in Walidpur area collapsed while two adjoining ones were extensively damaged due to the impact of the explosion which occurred around 7 am, police said.

The loud bang shook the neighbourhood, prompting people to rush out of their homes in panic.

The blast took place at the house of Chhotu Vishwakarma, who died around ten years ago. His widow and five daughters were staying in the house, the police said.

Chhotu's three daughters —Mona (20), Mamta (18) and Sanjana (15) — died while the remaining family members are missing, they said.

Prima facie, the blast was triggered by a possible leakage in the cooking



gas cylinder, Inspector General (Law and Order) Praveen Kumar said in Lucknow.

Due to the intensity of the blast, the roof of the house collapsed. Two adjacent houses were also badly damaged, he said, citing the initial report by Mau superintendent of police (SP) Anurag Arya. Four family members of Kanhaiya Vishwakarma, whose house stood next to Chhotu's, also died in the blast, the police said.

They said it was not immediately known how the deceased — Reena, Sarita, Sonam and Simpi — were related to Kanhaiya.

Another neighbour Surendra

Vishwakarma and his daughter Nidhi (10) also died in the explosion, the police said.

Four passers-by — Imtiyaz (25), Zeeshan (15) and Yasir (13) and Shivam — also died in the blast, they said. The injured are undergoing treatment at district hospitals in Mau and adjoining Azamgarh, they added.

Immediately after getting news about the blast, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath directed the Mau district magistrate and SP to rush all help to the injured, Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Awanish Awasthi said.

Adityanath also expressed his condolences to the family of the deceased, he said. Speaking to reporters outside the Mau district hospital, cabinet minister Anil Rajbhar said, "It is a sad incident. A house has been completely destroyed. The State Government is with the aggrieved family. Every possible medical help will be given to the injured."

Murshidabad triple murder: Cops probe chit fund angle

PNS ■ KOLKATA

The police started investigating the chit fund angle in Jiaganj triple-murder case with investigators picking up a number of people who had invested money with Bondhu Paul an alleged RSS worker and a cheater who along with his wife Beauty and eight-year-old son was brutally stabbed to death on the Vijay Dushmi Day.

"We have come to know that the victim was involved in chit fund businesses and had taken money from various people with assurances of hefty returns. We are trying to see whether these people have any hand in killing him or not," a senior officer said.

Meanwhile in separate development angry mob set a police station afire in Malda district after a 50-year-

old person arrested of gambling died in police custody.

Police said at least three men in khaki were injured in the attack. Incidentally it is the same district where angry mob of drug alleged peddlers burnt down the Kaliachak Police Station.

"Drastic action is being taken. 15 people have been arrested and the hunt is on for the other miscreants," Alok Rajori, District Superintendent of Police, later said adding eight people including one Ainul Khan, were arrested on Sunday night from gambling dens in the area. Ainul Khan who was unwell and was taken to a Primary Health Centre located near the Milki Police Station died subsequently of heart attack. Later an angry mob torched the police station and beat up the policemen.

Farmers burning stubble in fields will be deprived of Govt facilities: Nitish



PTI ■ PATNA

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Monday expressed concern over the rising trend of farmers in Bihar setting agricultural residue on fire and warned the cultivators burning stubble in fields will be deprived of the facilities provided by the State Government.

Underscoring the adverse impact of stubble burning on the environment, he instructed agriculture department officials to launch a campaign to end the practise.

"Farmers burning stubble (crop residue) in their fields will be deprived of facilities being given by the state government," Kumar said while inaugurating a two-day international conference on "Crop Residue Management" here.

The event was organised jointly by the State's agriculture department and Bihar Agriculture University, Sabour (Bhagalpur).

The State Government is providing every possible help to the farmers in the State, he said adding power is supplied to them at a rate of 75 paise per unit. In addition, the State is giving ₹60 as subsidy on every litre of diesel.

Earlier, the practise of stubble burning was prevalent in Delhi and Punjab causing bad impact on Delhi's environment, he said while adding that the custom has now gained prevalence in some parts of the State.

"Farmers need to be convinced that stubble burning not only has its adverse impact on productivity but also has its effect on environment...Farmers need to be convinced that the proper use of stubble will increase their income too," the CM said.

Wishes pour in for Nobel laureate Abhijit Banerjee

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Even as Abhijit Vinayak Banerjee became the second Indian economist to win the prestigious Nobel Prize the City of Joy and particularly his alma maters South Point High School and Presidency College erupted in joy with the Kolkata civil society congratulating the new Nobel Laureate for "taking the cause of the poor to Stockholm at a time when inclusive development has fallen prey to market forces."

While his soft spoken mother Nirmala Bandopadhyay, herself an economist said, "More than being my son Abhijeet belongs to the whole nation I have nothing to say separately. The credit belongs to India."

She said "I came to know about this only late in the afternoon when my younger son called me up." In his reaction the Nobel Laureate economist said, "I can't believe that I will get the Prize so early. I am happy. ... There are a number of scholars who are yet to get the recognition and so I fell from the sky to know about me getting the prize ahead of them. I hope their work too will be acknowledged



soon."

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said "Hearty congratulations to Abhijeet Banerjee, alumnus of South Point School & Presidency College Kolkata, for winning the Nobel Prize in Economics. Another Bengali has done the nation proud. We are overjoyed."

Registrar of Presidency College (now University) Debjyoti Konar said, "we are planning a grand welcome for him. It is the same Department of Economics that gave us a Nobel Laureate in Amartya Sen. Today his student has bagged it. We are overjoyed."

Abhijeet Pathak a close friend of college days remembered Banerjee as a "shy, meritorious boy who always impressed the teachers with his skills. We used to know him more as Jhima rather than Abhijeet. Though I used to come second

he used to be a topper and was way ahead.

He was equally adept in English, Mathematics and History." He is agood cook as well, his friends said.

Incidentally "he got 232 out of 400 and I got 235 in Honours course and some other students got much more than us. However in Part II he got so much marks that he broke all the records. This proves the determination in him."

Bangla writer Sirshendu Mukherjee said "once again we have been able to prove that India and Indians and more so the Bengalis can do it in international arena."

Former Bengal Finance Minister and himself an alumnus of the historic Presidency University Dr Ashim Dasgupta said, "The subject of Amitava Banerjee is almost akin to what we as Marxist say. His works are a reflection of the fact that no development can achieve the target without targeting inequality."

Another writer remembered how Banerjee had in a public function in Kolkata asked his audience to read his book which is "not impregnable as people think economics to be.

Indian economy on shaky ground, says Nobel Prize awardee

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Indian-American Abhijit Banerjee, who on Monday won the 2019 Nobel for Economics, said Indian economy is on a shaky ground.

The data currently available do not hold any assurance for the country's economic revival anytime soon, he stated.

"The condition of Indian economy is on a shaky ground. After witnessing the present (growth) data, just can't be sure about it (revival of economy in near future)."

"In the last five-six years, at least we could witness some growth, but now that assurance is also gone," Banerjee told a news channel from the US.

The 58-year-old economist, who bagged the coveted prize jointly with his wife Esther Duflo and another economist Michael Kremer for his "experimental approach to alleviating global poverty", said he never thought he would get a Nobel so early in his career.

Didi congratulates Sourav Ganguly for BCCI 'captaincy'

PNS ■ KOLKATA



Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday heaped praise on former India captain Sourav Ganguly for being tipped to be the president of Board of Control for Cricket in India.

Banerjee said, "heartiest congratulations to Sourav Ganguly for being unanimously elected as the BCCI President. Wish you all the best for your term. You have made India and Bangla proud. We were proud of your tenure as CAB President. Looking forward to a great new innings."

Bengal Minister Partho Chattopadhyay said "we enjoy great cordial relation ... I have seen him closely as to how he learnt the art of administration from his onetime mentor Jagmohan Dalmiya. I wish him all the best and hope he will take Indian cricket to new heights"

Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh said "we have always known Sourav Ganguly as a great captain. Now we will see his new inning as captain of the BCCI where he will start his new Dadagiri."

KVIC bags ₹5.8 crore order from GAIL

GAIL to gift khadi coupons to its employees

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

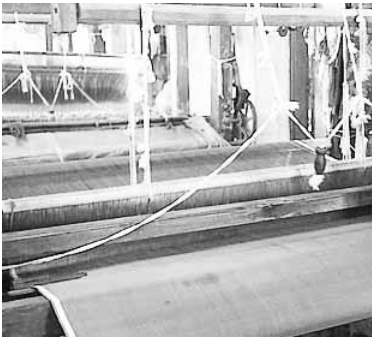
The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has bagged an order worth ₹5.88 crore from the Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL), in the form of Khadi gift coupons for its 23,504 employees.

GAIL agreed to gift Khadi coupons of ₹2,500 to each of its 23,504 employees in all its units across the Nation. The employees, however, would be able to purchase Khadi and products of Village Industries worth ₹3,250 from the coupon of ₹2,500. The coupons could be redeemed throughout the year at all Departmental Sales Outlets of KVIC.

To give easy access to the employees of GAIL to redeem their coupons, KVIC will organize 3 special exhibitions also, at Pata, District Etawah, Vijaypur, District Guna and Jhabua, in Madhya Pradesh where the GAIL have their maximum employees. The MOU has been signed between KVIC and GAIL on 10th October 2019. KVIC will deliver the coupon this week.

KVIC Chairman Vinai Kumar Saxena said that such huge orders from government and PSUs not only increase the income of the artisans — pivotal in the growth of Khadi sector, but also inspires new entrepreneurs to associate with Khadi with better job avenues.

"Orders in recent past from GAIL,



ONGC, REC, IOC, MRPL, OIL, JK Cement and BEE have been implemental in making a compounding effect on the livelihood of Khadi artisans and have been creating more jobs by adding thousands of new artisans in KVIC's kitty," he said, adding, "These orders will certainly create more employment and subsequently raise the income of the existing artisans. It would also pave way for KVIC for more convergence with different Ministries and Public Sector Units."

For the first time. The KVIC launched gift coupon scheme in 2017 and till date gift coupons of face value worth ₹89.29 Crores have been sold which is a record in itself and also an indication that the people have started adopting Khadi in place of other international brands.

India-China talks help Mahaballipuram regain lost glory

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

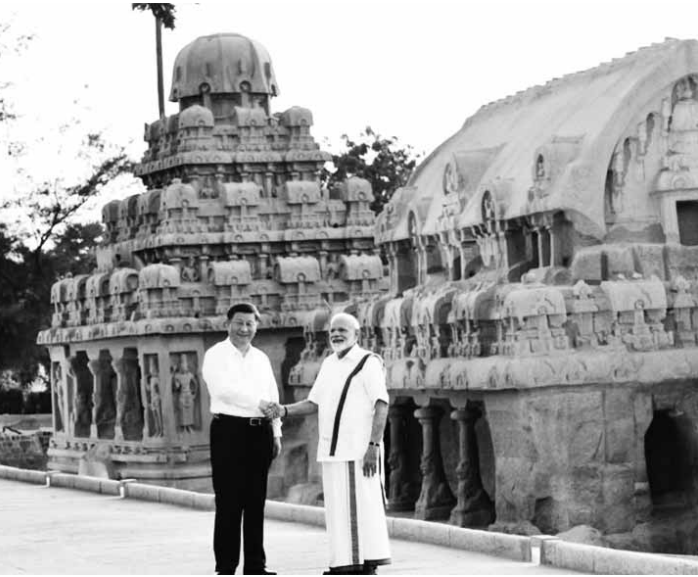
An unprecedented increase in the number of visitors to the sea shore town of Mahabalipuram (Mamallapuram in Tamil) has been the balance sheet of the summit level informal talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping held here on Friday and Saturday.

The media build up to the event and the discussions held by the leaders of Asia's two military powers and that too in front of the global media has increased the stature of this ancient town as well as Tamil Nadu, according to Chief Minister Edappadi Palaniswami.

"The informal summit between leaders of India and China held at Mahabalipuram has made Tamil Nadu a centre of attention among global powers. This has increased the stature of the State," said Palaniswami in a statement released on Monday.

Sunday and Monday saw unprecedented crowd making it to the sea shore town and watching with amazement the sculptures carved out during the Pallava and Chola periods of rule. Mahabalipuram has been described by archaeologists and historians as Tamil Nadu's 'Gateway to China'.

K Pandiarajan, Tamil Nadu Minister for official language said



that the decision to establish a connect between Tamil Nadu and the Fujian province of China was a recognition for Tamil and Tamil Nadu's rich cultural heritage. This is the first official reaction from the Tamil Nadu Government about the establishment of Tamil Nadu-Fujian link by the two heads of States. The increase in number of tourists to Mahabalipuram during the last two days prove that the summit talks have helped the heritage town to

boost its main economy —tourism. "People in Tamil Nadu itself were not aware of the significance of Mahabalipuram and the patronage of the seaside resort was limited to business barons and industrialists who have built farm houses and villas along the sea shore town. Hereafter the town would see many tourists from India and abroad flocking to Mahabalipuram," said T Ramakrishnan, author and columnist.

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MAHARASHTRA POLLS

Scrapping of Art 370 final nail in terror coffin: Yogi

PTI ■ PUNE

Campaigning for the BJP for the October 21 Maharashtra assembly elections, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi for removing special status of Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370, a move he described as the “final nail in the coffin of terrorism”.

Addressing a public rally in Lonavla in Pune district in support of BJP candidate Sanjay Bhegde, Adityanath said that by nullifying Article 370 Modi turned the idea of “One nation, great nation” into reality.

“Kashmir, which is called as paradise on the Earth, turned into hell under Article 370. Terrorists used to kill innocent civilians and Indian soldiers,” he said, adding that the withdrawn provision was a major impediment in development of Jammu & Kashmir.

The chief minister also said that it was Syama Prasad Mukherjee, the founder of the BJP’s forerunner Jana Sangha, who had staunchly opposed the



idea of “two Prime Ministers, two signs, and two Constitutions” under Article 370.

“The idea of ‘one nation, great nation’ became a reality thanks to Narendra Modiji and (Union Home Minister) Amit Shah. With this decision, the final nail was put in the coffin of terrorism. The move has sent the message that terrorism has no place on the Indian soil,” he said.

Adityanath also praised Modi Government for working for the cause of the empowerment of women, which he said was previously restricted only to “slogans.” He listed schemes

like ‘Beti Bachav, Beti Padhao’,

‘Ujjwala Yojana’, and the law to criminalise triple talaq to make his point.

He said his Maharashtra counterpart Devendra Fadnavis, who is seeking a second term, has “transformed” the lives of people by implementing several welfare projects.

“Gone are the days when thousands of farmers used to commit suicide. The Fadnavis Government has not only stopped suicides by launching pro-farmer schemes, but also generated employment opportunities for people,” he added.

Munde cousins Pankaja, Dhananjay lock horns again in Parli seat

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Parli Assembly seat in Beed district, brought to prominence on Maharashtra’s political map by BJP veteran late Gopinath Munde, will again see his daughter Pankaja Munde and nephew Dhananjay Munde lock horns for supremacy in the upcoming State Assembly polls.

BJP leader Pankaja Munde, a minister in the Devendra Fadnavis-led state Cabinet, defeated her cousin and NCP leader by a margin of 25,000 votes in the 2014 polls from Parli, a rural pocket located about 470 km from Mumbai.

The BJP is aiming to retain the seat this time by highlighting the developmental works carried in the area, including fast-tracking of the rail route network.

The saffron party is confident that people from the segment will vote for Pankaja Munde, who is the Minister for rural development and women and child welfare, and also Beed’s guardian Minister.

However, Dhananjay Munde, who is Leader of the

Opposition in State Legislative Council, is banking on the “poor performance” of his cousin sister to usher in the “change that’s imminent”.

While the BJP says people of the segment, dominated by Vanjari and Maratha communities, have experienced development, the NCP leader claims his cousin sister could not ensure growth of Parli, despite holding four portfolios in the state Cabinet and her party in controlling position at the Centre.

“Not a single irrigation project was developed over past five years in the constituency,” Dhananjay Munde said.

He said work on the Parli-Beed-Nagar railway project remains derailed, while road projects have also hit road-blocks.

“There is not a single good road approaching Parli,” he alleged.

The opposition leader also feels that Parli’s development was “fettered” as the local civic body and 65 per cent of the gram panchayats were being led by the NCP.

Why BJP, Modi not talking about slowdown, price rise: Congress

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Congress on Monday hit out at the BJP for harping on scrapping of Article 370 in poll rallies, saying the ruling party and Prime Minister Narendra Modi were deflecting attention from issues concerning common people like economic slowdown, price rise and unemployment.

Top BJP leaders, including Modi and party president Amit Shah, have been repeatedly speaking about abrogation of provisions of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir in their rallies in poll-bound Maharashtra and Haryana.

Modi has challenged the Congress to publicly state it will restore the controversial constitutional provision, which granted special status to Jammu & Kashmir, if voted to power.

Addressing a press meet here, AICC spokesman Jaiveer Shergill said instead of asking the Congress whether it will restore the now scrapped Article 370, Modi should talk about reducing the prices of petrol, diesel, onion and tomato to whose rate has crossed ₹70 a kg in retail market.

Shergill said the prime minister should come to the

The Congress spokesman accused the Prime Minister of always being in campaign mode instead of focusing on governance

rescue of harried depositors of scam-hit PMC Bank and also took a jibe at Modi over his 56-inch chest remark.

“The Congress will speak about Article 370 during the Assembly elections in Jammu & Kashmir.

“But, if the Prime Minister really has a 56-inch chest, he should work to reduce the prices of petrol, diesel, onion and tomato, and also hand over the money of lakhs of depositors of PMC Bank,” he said.

The Congress spokesman accused the Prime Minister of always being in campaign mode instead of focusing on governance.

Speaking at the press meet, AICC general secretary R P N Singh said for the Government to find solutions to the economic slowdown and growing unemployment, it has to first acknowledge these problems.

“Accept the problem before you find solutions. Instead a senior Minister like

Ravishankar Prasad says three Hindi movies had become blockbusters and hence there was no recession,” he said.

Singh said industrial output, manufacturing growth rate and investment have seen a decline while unemployment was at all-time high.

In BJP-ruled Maharashtra, between 2014 and 2018-19, 220 factories had shutdown. Thousands of industrial units in Pune, an automobile hub, were on verge of closure, the former Congress Minister said.

But, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Modi have no answers to these problems, Singh said.

“PMC Bank directors have BJP links and hence Fadnavis has not uttered a word about the bank’s collapse. If the Modi Government can take ₹1.76 lakh crore from RBI (reserves) using its majority, can’t it ask the RBI to return money to PMC Bank depositors?” the Congress leader asked.

Singh said the BJP Governments at the Centre and in Maharashtra have weakened Mumbai’s position as the economic capital by shifting the proposed International Finance Centre, conceived by the UPA Government, to another State.

NCP targets BJP Govt’s ‘insensitivity’ on farmers’ issue

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Making an issue of a suicide by a distressed farmer clad in BJP poll T-shirt ahead of Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis ‘public rally in Buldhana district of eastern Maharashtra, the Opposition on Monday slammed Fadnavis for lack of “insensitivity” and failure to visit the family members of the deceased farmers.

A day after 38-year old Raju Talware was found hanging from a tree branch in his native village in Buldhana district on Sunday morning near the venue of the Chief Minister’s rally venue, former deputy chief minister and senior NCP leader Ajit Pawar said in Pune on Monday: “The farmers’ suicides are continuing unabated. Yesterday, a distressed farmer committed suicide the chief minister’s rally venue. He was wearing B-T-shirt. Despite such an unfortunate incidents having taken place near the CM’s rally venue, he did not bother to visit the family of deceased farmer”.

The farmer’s body was found hanging to a tree branch

in native Khatked village at 8.30 am. He was sporting a colourful T-shirt with the BJP symbol ‘Lotus’ embossed on it along with the campaign slogan, “Punha Aanuya Aaple Sarkar” (Let’s Re-elect Our Government). The T-shirts had been distributed by the BJP to activists ahead of the October 21 Assembly elections. The incident happened on a day when Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP president Amit Shah were in Maharashtra to address election rallies.

Dubbing the incident as “extremely serious”, Shiv Sena farmers’ leader Kishore Tiwari asked the various political parties to cognisance of the agrarian crisis and consequent farmers’ distress in the State. “ This kind of incidents turn focus on the gravity of the agrarian crisis in the State. The Government should take concrete measures to prevent the situation from going out of hand,” Tiwari said.

Ajit Pawar’s attack against Fadnavis over farmer suicides comes on the heels of the chief minister’s charge that the con-



tinued farmers’ suicides in the state were a fallout of the “sins” committed by former Union Agriculture Minister and NCP president Sharad Pawar and his policies.

At their election rallies, the NCP and Congress leaders have been slamming the Devendra Fadnavis Government for its failure to arrest the farmers’ suicides and initiative concrete measures to resolve the agrarian distress in the state. They have also been targeting the ruling BJP for its failure to implement the farmer loan waiver scheme.

The severity of the agrarian crisis in Maharashtra should be seen in the context of the unabated farmers’ suicides and

the 34,022 crore loan waiver scheme “Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Krishi Samman Yojana” which it announced on June 4 2017.

Seeking to blunt the criticism of the Opposition parties, Fadnavis had lashed out at Sr Pawar an election in Akot taluka of the epi-centre of farmer suicide belt— Akola district in Vidarbha region on Saturday. “Farmer suicides are the sins of Sharad Pawar and his Government in Maharashtra. It started and increased during your regime,” Fadnavis had said

“Pawar is talking about farmer suicides in his rallies in Vidarbha. I want to ask him, who was in power in Maharashtra when farmers started committing suicides,” Fadnavis had pointed out.

Fadnavis had charged that Pawar had stopped irrigation water supply to eastern Maharashtra and said the latter’s “corrupt policies” had deprived the farmers of Vidarbha region of flow of funds from the earlier DF government in the state and UPA government at the Centre

Bihar Dy CM denies ignoring commoners during rain havoc

PTI ■ PATNA

A day after a group of people gheraoed Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi’s residence in Rajendra Nagar area over problem of waterlogging, his close aide said despite waiting for an hour neither any delegation of the protestors came to meet him on Monday nor any memorandum was submitted on their behalf.

Angry over problem of waterlogging and accumulation of trash, some people of Rajendra Nagar had on Sunday gheraoed Modi’s residence located in the same area.

The BJP leader, however, was not present at the house



during the protest. He waited on Monday to hear them.

The statement said that the Government had been sensitive towards both the VIPs and the commoners during the disaster arising on account of incessant rains for three consecutive days at the end of September.

A total of 59,000 affected people of Rajendra Nagar were rescued at that time, a release issued by the Dy CM office

said.

“Despite waiting for an hour for victims of waterlogged Rajendra Nagar area today, neither any delegation came to meet him nor any memorandum was submitted to him by the people,” Modi’s private secretary Shailendra Kumar Ojha said in the release.

On September 30, Modi and his family members were rescued by an SDRF team from his flooded residence in Rajendra Nagar. However, they returned later to the house.

The State capital was pounded by heavy rain late last month leading to waterlogging in areas such as Rajendra Nagar, Kankarbagh and Pataliputra colony.

CPI withdraws support to TRS in Huzurnagar bypoll

PTI ■ HYDERABAD

The CPI in Telangana on Monday withdrew support to the ruling TRS for the October 21 bypoll to Huzurnagar Assembly constituency for ‘failing’ to address the issues of agitating State Government transport employees. CPI state secretary Chada Venkat Reddy, while announcing this as the reason for withdrawal of support, said it would decide in a day or two on which party it would support in the bypolls.

Nearly 48,000 employees of different unions of TSRTC, are on a state wide indefinite strike since October 5 on a call given by theJoint Action Committee employees’ unions to accede to their demands.

These include merger of the RTC with the government, pay revision, recruitment to various posts, among others.

On October 9, the CPI’s State unit had

said it would rethink its support to TRS for the October 21 bypoll if Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao continued with his ‘oppressive’ stand against the striking transport corporation employees.

The term “self-dismissal” of employees used by Rao will boomerang on him and he will be self-dismissed, Venkat Reddy had said, adding he should immediately withdraw such remarks.

On October 1, Venkat Reddy hadannounced CPIs support to TRS. He had stated that the party discussed the issue at its state executive meeting and decided to support the TRS candidate “in the prevailing political situation.”

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee President N Uttam Kumar Reddy had earlier said the CPI should reconsider their support to TRS for the bypoll “in view of TRS government’s attempts to crush RTC employees”.

Wish India possessed Rafale jets during Balakot strike: Rajnath



PTI ■ THANE

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday said had India possessed Rafale fighter jets earlier the IAF would not have needed to enter Balakot in Pakistan to hit the terror camps.

Addressing a poll rally for BJP’s Mira Bhayander nominee Narendra Mehta in Maharashtra’s Thane district neighbouring Mumbai, Singh defended performing ‘shastra puja’ while taking delivery of the first Rafale jet in France recently.

“Had we possessed Rafale fighter jets we would not have required to enter Balakot and launch a strike. We could have struck at Balakot while sitting in India,” he said.

Singh reiterated that the fighter planes were meant only for self-defence and not for aggression.

On a controversy surrounding the “shastra puja”, Singh said, “I wrote ‘Om’ on

the plane, broke a coconut (as per tradition). Om depicts never-ending Universe”.

“I acted as per my faith. Even other communities like the Christian, Muslim, Sikh etc worship with words like Amen, Omkar etc. Even when I was performing ‘shastra puja’, people from communities like Christians, Muslims, Sikhs, Buddhists were present at the event,” he said.

At a ceremony in France on Tuesday, Singh formally took the delivery of the first of the 36 long-awaited French-made aircraft acquired by the Indian Air Force. He also took a sortie in the two-seater jet.

The Congress has accused Singh of “drama” over performing “shastra puja”.

On his Rafale sortie, Singh said he had asked the flight captain to fly at supersonic speed.

“Only I and the captain, who was from Paris, were there inside the plane. I wanted to experience the supersonic speed,” he said.



A view of a damaged bridge due to landslide following rain in Chikmagalur PTI

Terrorists kill truck driver, assault orchard owner in Kashmir: Police

PTI ■ SRINAGAR

Two terrorists, including a suspected Pakistani national, shot dead the driver of a Rajasthan truck and assaulted an orchard owner in Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday, police said.

The deceased has been identified as Sharief Khan, they said, adding that the terrorists carried out the attack in Shirmal village in desperation as fruit transportation has picked up in the Valley.

The incident came on a day post-paid cellular services resumed in Kashmir after a 72-day communication clamp-down following abrogation of Article 370 provisions.

Police said “there was a resentment among the locals over the Monday incidents”.

14 Pakistan migrants given Indian citizenship

PTI ■ JAIPUR

Fourteen Pakistani migrants living in Rajasthan’s Jaipur district for past several years were on Monday given certificates of Indian citizenship.

District Collector Jagroop Singh Yadav said apart from 14 Pakistani migrants, who were given the citizenship certificates

on Monday, 42 others are also being considered for the grant of citizenship.

A total of 108 Pakistani migrants were given Indian citizenship in the last few years, he said, adding Jaipur is a pioneer district in providing Indian citizenship to Pak migrants through online process. In Rajasthan, district collectors of Jaipur,

Jodhpur and Jaisalmer have the powers to provide Indian citizenship to Pak migrants after complete verification.

Pakistani migrants expressed their happiness raising “Bharat Mata ki jai” slogan and saying that getting Indian citizenship after “so many years is an old dream coming true” for them.

Haze threatens Delhi

The time for debates is over. There is no option but to get into the action mode if we do not want a toxic winter ahead



Now that the late burst of rains and high winds have petered out, the illusion of a clear blue sky has been shattered with the rude reality of smoggy mornings and the autumnal haze. Clearly even predictive models and estimates have not been enough to prepare for a toxic winter. Citizens woke up to a dull Monday morning with the Air Quality Index (AQI) breaching the 200-mark danger of “very poor” environs across Delhi and NCR. It looks like we may have to jump from mission mode to action mode swiftly as data analytics are simply not making sense. Just last week, the Government had claimed how stubble burning, which releases a complex set of aerosols and gases, had declined in the neighbouring States of Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana. Anecdotal ground evidence and satellite data, however, point to the contrary. Images released by NASA, too, confirm sporadic crop burning in North India since October 13, five days after Dussehra. Around 350 stubble-burning incidents have been reported through satellite mapping in the last 15 days itself, according to Haryana State Pollution Control Board. The smoke from crop residue is expected to make up six per cent of the city’s pollutant load. This even before Diwali. Beyond the immediate repercussions of burning paddy, other sources include pollution from vehicles, industries, diesel gen-sets, open waste burning and above all, soil and road dust — all of which contribute in small and greater proportions to exacerbate particulate matter (PM), nitrogen oxides (NOx) sulfur dioxide and carbon monoxide levels in the air.

It’s not that solutions have not been offered by successive Governments, both at the Centre and the State, but they are still piecemeal. A holistic recovery plan means that we have to rise above the political impacts of restrictive moves, and most importantly, our existing behavioural patterns and conveniences. The late 1990s saw the release of a White Paper, which called for a multi-sectoral action plan for five years. But apart from the vehicular shift to using compressed natural gas (CNG) for fuel and the relocation of brick kilns to the outskirts of the city, nothing else was followed up on. Next came the National Green Tribunal (NGT)’s order on banning crop waste burning but this is half-hearted at best. That’s because the ban has been patchy, the complaints have been few (only 58 FIRs have been registered in Haryana this season) without retributive action and there has been too much passing the buck on who should own its implementation. Although the ban has been in force for almost three years now, farmers violate it routinely, agreeing to pay up the ₹2,500 fine per two hectares instead of costly weeding or conversion processes. Churning the stubble, which includes rent for the machine, cost of diesel and labour charges, lands anywhere close to ₹6,000-7,000 per acre. Besides, the equipment itself remains beyond the reach of small and marginal farmers, forget about the lengthy bureaucratic process they have to go through to rent it. So without incentives, no logic would work for them. Finally, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) released a graded action plan with an incremental response, depending upon the air quality. However, with this necessitating a multi-pronged approach to tackle pollution, controlling agencies remained pitted against one another, unable to divide responsibilities among themselves. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government led by Arvind Kejriwal, too, has been doing its bit at the individual level with the pyrrhic odd-even scheme. But even that has never been holistic, with a host of exemptions, the more polluting two-wheelers being among them. Similar odd-even plans in other cities like Paris were complemented by making public transport system free for all during the operable time period, which led to its resounding success. It’s another matter that Delhi lacks the advantage of a robust transport system. Its current fleet of buses and other forms of transport like the Metro are inadequate for the commuting traffic. Besides, Delhi still has a problem of proximity to industrial units that have to be shut down should the situation get out of hand. There is no dearth of good intention but pollution should now be treated as a permanent rather than a seasonal problem and a unified protocol set in motion. Planning, monitoring, action and evaluation sum up a good policy measure and Delhi cannot do with spurts of conscience anymore.

Bangla pride

In a historic day for Bengalis, Abhijit Banerjee and Sourav Ganguly seal their achievements with a top prize and job



Yet another Bengali has won a Nobel Prize for Economics. Abhijit Banerjee, alongside Ester Duflo and Michael Kremer, won the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in memory of Alfred Nobel. This news followed another development where Sourav Ganguly, the legendary Indian cricket team captain, got the top job at the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). Banerjee’s work in the field of poverty alleviation is path-breaking. His ideas have helped successive Governments plan policy interventions, particularly in education. The Nobel prize is the second for an economist, who started his educational career at Kolkata’s famed Presidency College after Amartya Sen. As for Ganguly, almost every Indian cricket fan will tell you that today’s dominating Indian cricket team is a direct result of the leadership style and aggressive nature honed by him and his team. However, while Banerjee is unlikely to rest on his laurels, commenting extensively on the state of the Indian economy, he has previously been critical of the policies followed by the Modi Government. On the other hand, Ganguly’s real big job starts now. While Indian cricket is in a position of might, the latest Test series win against South Africa makes it amply clear that the Indian cricket administration has been in a state of turmoil since the Supreme Court-monitored Committee of Administrators (CoA) took over. Ganguly’s appointment as the BCCI president is evidence that the cricket bureaucracy wants to release itself from the shackles of the CoA. His reputation might be able to convince the top court of the sheer ridiculousness of some “conflict of interest” cases raised by the CoA, particularly a laughable one against Ganguly’s erstwhile batting colleague, Rahul Dravid. It is not as if politics has stayed away from Indian cricket; Home Minister Amit Shah’s son Jay Shah and Minister of State for Finance, Anurag Thakur, too, have held executive positions. Banerjee might, however, find celebrations muted back home as he was one of the signatories to a letter criticising the manipulation of statistics by the Government. His signature will carry much more heft now. But the Government should not miss this chance to involve Banerjee in its policy interventions, despite past criticism. India is in a challenging place with poverty and poor educational results being intertwined. Methods to achieve poverty alleviation and better educational results are a must if we have to take advantage of the demographic dividend. The opportunities are many and the results could be immense.

What of primordial faith?

Indian courts are increasingly wading into theology, challenging Hindu dharma and are deciding the essential in an interventionist manner



SANDHYA JAIN

In Tripura, the Molsom tribesmen celebrate the Sangkrak puja during *maagh* (January-February). Sangkrak is their *kula devata* (clan deity) and goats, chicken and pigs (sometimes buffaloes) are sacrificed by the priest. At least 14 animals are sacrificed as *chaudha devata* (14 gods) puja is part of the ritual. More animals are offered if the community wishes, after which the meat is cooked and distributed as prasad (sacred offering).

The sacrifice of life — for sharing one’s good fortune (harvest) with the divine — is conducted with utmost sobriety and piety in temples or open altars. There is nothing voyeuristic about it: Life is returned to its source for renewal. The hoary traditions of India’s diverse communities are sanctified by tradition and sometimes mentioned in sacred texts. The *Yajur Veda* mentions animal sacrifice, which is today mostly linked with *Shakta* (Devi) traditions, widely prevalent in West Bengal, Assam, Tripura and Odisha, where Durga puja during Navratri is accompanied by animal sacrifice to commemorate the slaying of the *asura*, Mahisha, who took the form of a buffalo.

Hindu dharma is not a canonical faith like the Abrahamic creeds. It is not codified as the immutable word of a particular god as conveyed through a messenger. The tradition is sacred in itself; changes are sanctified as desired by age. The existence of a text does not prevent change; absence of one does not negate hoary beliefs and practices.

Flawed equivalence led the Tripura High Court to ban sacrifice of animals in State-run temples on the eve of Durga *ash-tami*. The shocked State Government is considering an appeal before the Supreme Court, while a scion of the erstwhile royal family said the court cannot overrule promises made at Accession (September 9, 1947) whereby the State Government would continue sponsorship (including sacrifice of animals) of several traditional tribal pujas in 14 temples, including Mata Tripureswari temple and Durga Bari.

Responding to a writ petition (C)(PIL) No.2/2018 by Subhas Bhattacharjee (who is unlikely to use the Tripura precedent to force the issue in West Bengal), the Tripura High Court on September 27, 2019, declared *bali* (sacrifice) a “social evil” and “against the Constitutional mandate and spirit.”

At a time when more and more State Governments are taking over the management of cash-rich Hindu temples and diverting monies offered by devotees to their deities to non-religious purposes, the court ruled that the State can regulate or restrict any economic, financial, political or secular activity associated with a religious practice. The Government may participate in religious activities, “which are secular in nature”, (whatever that means) but the “act of the State of offering one goat every day, for a sacrifice in the Mata Tripureswari temple and other temples on certain occasions, lacks the



essence of economic, commercial, political or secular character and, hence, the action of the State in offering such an animal for sacrifice is neither permissible under the Indian Constitution nor any statute.”

The court asserted that the “right of offering an animal for sacrifice is not an integral and essential part of the religion, protected under Article 25(1) of the Constitution.” Declaring that the “State has no religion other than constitutionalism and the expression ‘person’ under Article 25 has to be in reference to natural person”, as in the case of the Supreme Court’s verdict in Sabarimala, it ruled that the “withdrawal of such practice would not tantamount to any change, fundamental in character of the religion.”

Pointing out that human sacrifice was stopped (by King Gobinda Manikya, 1660-1667, 1671-78), the court ruled that the 500-year-old tradition of sacrificing animals in Tripureswari Devi Temple, either by the State or by an individual, is not an essential part of the religion and is not protected under Article 25(1) and held it to be against the principle/doctrine of morality and health, and also against the provisions of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act, 1960. It called the practice violative of Article 21 of the Constitution of India.

Though constitutional provisions are subject to legislative

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amendment and to varying interpretations by courts at various times, the Tripura High Court declared, “Constitutional values are to be embraced and not to be superseded by personal beliefs.” This means that non-canonical traditions of non-monotheistic faiths are subordinate to judicially determined “constitutional values” that are not mentioned or defined in any law.

The court issued a blanket ban on sacrifice within any temple in Tripura and ordered the district magistrate/collector and superintendent of police of all districts to ensure compliance by installing CCTV cameras in the temples and placing the video recording before the court every month. It is questionable if the Constitution permits courts to undertake such tracking. The Tripura judgement approvingly cites the Supreme Court’s verdict on Sabarimala (2018) that trampled the religious sensitivities of devotees in pursuit of a reformist agenda of giving equality to women of a particular age group, who did not want this “liberation.”

The issue of *locus standi* is relevant. The Tripura bench hailed the petitioner as a retired judicial officer but there is nothing on record to show that he was a believer. Yet, he has ensured codification of “essential” religious practices in Hindu temples and tampered with the very nature of the faith.

Indian courts are increasingly wading into theology to the detriment of the Hindu dharma. In the Shirur Mutt case (1954), the Supreme Court enunciated a doctrine of essential religious practice and ruled that the “essential part of a religion” should be ascertained with reference to the doctrines of that religion itself. But now courts are deciding the “essential” in an interventionist manner.

Five centuries of sacrifice in Tripura temples makes the ritual “settled usage and custom.” The fact that the State Government shouldered this responsibility in 1947 means the deity(s) should have been treated as a juristic entity(s) with the right to its special *puja-paddhati*. Indeed, the diversity of Hindu tradition entitles all deities with distinct rituals to be treated as denominations under Article 26 of the Constitution.

Finally, the most distressing part of the judgement was the comment that sacrifice cannot be permitted as Tripureswari temple is being promoted as an “international tourist destination” for people of all beliefs and faiths. Henceforth, the imagined tastes of tourists will dictate the worship of the Devi. Is this an essential part of secularism and constitutionalism?

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SOUNDBITE

Modi is the loudspeaker of big businessmen. He has been taking money from the pockets of the poor to give it away to his rich friends.



Congress leader
—Rahul Gandhi

I have never walked out of a film due to pay disparity but I hope to get paid as much as my male co-stars in films.



Actor
—Kareena Kapoor Khan

The victims of LeT’s vicious attacks deserve to see these individuals (terrorists) prosecuted now, along with LeT leader Hafiz Saeed.



US diplomat
—Alice Wells

Pakistan is under a lot of pressure at the FATF meeting, currently under way in Paris, to rein in terror groups operating from its soil.



National Security Advisor
—Ajit Doval

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Accept reality

Sir — Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Singh Bhagwat recently said that “lynching” is a foreign concept and it is for this reason that it is irrelevant for our purposes. However, reality — good or bad — cannot be ignored simply because of its foreign origin. We cannot overlook the fact that instances of mob violence, many of which happen to those belonging to minority communities, have increased manifold. The Aryans were of foreign origin, too, but can we ignore their assimilation into Indian society for that reason?

On the other hand, lynching is a shame wherever it happens across the world. In his play *Romeo and Juliet*, William Shakespeare wrote, “What’s in a name? That which we call a rose/ By any other word would smell as sweet...” Indeed, rose will smell as sweet even if it is called *golap* in Bengali or *gulab* in Hindi. Following this we can also say, “What’s in a name? That which we call lynching/ By any other word would carry equal shame.”
Sujit De
Kolkata

Barriers to a digital economy

Stressing on the need to go digital, the Government has spared no efforts to ensure that the message is spread loud and clear. India is today rushing headlong to become “digital-compliant.” But how well has the Government performed since? It would not be wrong to contend that despite the haste shown in ushering in the latest IT technologies, we lag far behind the corporate world in harnessing the power of digital. The ease of doing business has been all the more profound with most private firms embracing the initiative to enhance rapport with customers by providing them faultless services. The Government’s “creativity” has, on the other hand, spelt misery for the common man.

At a time when people have come to expect public services to be as personalised and responsive as the services they get from the private sector, the failure to keep abreast of the changing technologies has invited public ire over the Government’s lackadaisical attitude. Banking services are the worst hit due to frequent system failures, which make it impossible for normal day-to-day transactions to be carried out. Aadhaar card, which has today assumed importance as an important document for linking the member with various social service schemes, is beset with so many problems that it has primarily become the stumbling block, deterring the *aam*



aadmi from availing the benefits. Likewise, with the erratic manner in which the EPFO web portal has been functioning, members of the Employees’ Provident Fund Organisation find it extremely difficult to get their claims processed ever since its offices stopped accepting physical forms submitted and has made online submission of PF claims mandatory. No doubt, in keeping with the rapidly evolving technology, online operations appear to be the new mantra for effective governance. But the Government needs to improve its service quality.
Pachu Menon
Margao

Strange claims

Sir — Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Singh Bhagwat’s claims on “lynchings” stand out for their clear denial of

the brutal reality of the crime in India. He is not bothered by the crime itself; he seems to only be concerned with how it is “defaming” Hindu society. Whether or not lynching is a Western con-

struct is up for discussion but perhaps Bhagwat and the RSS need to be reminded that the last public “lynching” in the West took place decades ago, when a White supremacist group brutally

lynched some members of the black community.

Bhagwat’s take on the economy is also disquieting. There is no denying that the vision of a nation in which one majority religion reigns supreme lives on. Bhagwat would like all citizens to live in denial of the gross violations of the rights of minority communities that occur daily.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee
Faridabad

RTI needs a revisit

Sir — The Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005, is, perhaps, one of the best legislations the country has. It empowers the citizens to take a critical look into the workings of the Government. As against Union Home Minister Amit Shah’s claim that there has been a reduction in RTI queries because the Government has turned “transparent”, reality is that the filing of RTIs in itself is risky. There is a need to revisit the provisions of the RTI Act.

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FIRST COLUMN

Consolidate the financial system

Q2 may be worse than Q1 but economic growth is likely to recover from Q3 onwards despite the downside risks emerging in the banking sector



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The fact that the world is witnessing an economic slowdown is not a surprise. Growth has slowed down across the world and it has even contracted in countries such as Germany. Leading Central bankers and Government officials have expressed concerns over the last couple of months with respect to addressing the global downturn.

Central bankers have further expressed the need to reduce trade-induced uncertainties and called for fiscal measures to address the current economic crisis. The very fact that we're discussing a calibrated response to a global slowdown may ensure that the deceleration is short-lived, and we're back to a decent growth level.

Back in India, we see high frequency economic data for the month of August which further reveals that the downtrend continued throughout the quarter. Be it the data on Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections, automobile sales or the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), the second quarter (Q2) of the financial year (FY) 2019-20 is unlikely to be better than the first quarter (Q1), if not worse.

The extent of the slowdown further points to the fact that we are likely to hit the bottom in Q2. This means that very likely we will see economic recovery from Q3 but there are fresh challenges that have emerged over the last couple of weeks. The slump in the real estate space has only created further concerns with respect to the Non-Performing Asset (NPA) crisis.

It is important to recognise that not all NPAs are cases of fraud or money laundering. Most of them were caused due to genuine business failures — they may have been because of flawed business plans or the severe economic downturn that India experienced from 2012 onwards. The instances of real business failures must definitely be penalised — and there have been honest efforts by bankers and investigative agencies on that front.

To solve instances of genuine business failures, the Government has already enacted the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), that has been instrumental in putting in place a resolution mechanism through which banks could recover their money. The process has also facilitated a change in management for many companies. There's no doubt that the IBC reform is extremely instrumental in addressing the problem over the long run. However, unfortunately, it may not offer much help in addressing the current challenges faced by Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs), particularly housing finance companies, builders and many home-owners.

Financial stability is built around trust and confidence in the system. It is this credence that allows firms to borrow and lend at cheaper rates of interests. Lack of trust pushes up the cost of capital and dries up the supply of credit as lenders are extremely risk-averse in nature. Something similar seems to have happened in India post the NBFC crisis, as domestic credit is choked but Indian firms raised record levels of high debt through external commercial borrowings. This shows that there's definite demand for credit but our lenders are unable to service it.

This has severe implications for the real estate sector which is sitting on accumulated inventories worth trillions at a time when growth has slowed down. The real estate business has not witnessed a boom, except for the affordable housing segment, for a long time and this has further depleted the sector's ability to absorb an economic shock. A part of this distress is already being felt by NBFCs and it is spreading over to the banking space.

Financial systems are fragile and, therefore, there's an urgent need for intervention by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Government to address some of these concerns before they develop into a financial market crisis. India's banking system is indeed robust and strong. However, at a time when growth is slow and credit is choked, it is imperative that we shed morality and intervene on the basis of economic rationality.

Growth will revive from Q3 onwards but we need to ensure that we systematically strengthen our financial system during the process. It is important to recognise that post the Lehman Bankruptcy in 2008, the US Government realised the extent of worthless assets that had accumulated in their banking system. They announced a Troubled Asset Relief Programme to address the problem which entailed infusion of fresh capital into their banks. The Indian Government has already done the same and the Finance Minister has already front-loaded the fresh plan for recapitalisation of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs). There have been other measures to help some struggling NBFCs as well.

But the key difference is that in India, a lot of these stressed assets continue to be concentrated on the books of banks. There's a genuine need to re-explore the possibility of taking them off their books, into a bad bank, which could then auction the same to asset reconstruction companies. We must forget the issue of moral hazard at the moment and approach the problem in a pragmatic manner. The Government did announce a policy to give finance to unfinished real projects in the affordable real estate space on September 14. However, a bulk of the value is stuck in projects in the luxury housing space and so there's a need to simultaneously extend the scheme to cover these projects.

The other important lesson from the 2008 experience is how the Federal Reserve System proactively merged investment banks with some commercial ones. This was done to strengthen and stabilise the financial system. We've seen a great consolidation of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) through mergers over the last couple of years but we're yet to see further consolidation of NBFCs with some of the bigger banks. Doing so may make some of these merged entities bigger, but then, as of today also, they're too big to fail.

Therefore, there's no sound justification for not moving in that direction. The current troubles at Lakshmi Vilas Bank would have largely been resolved had the RBI facilitated its acquisition by Indiabulls. But of course, the RBI denied it and asked NBFCs to seek banking licence through the normal route. It is imperative that our regulators realise the importance of second and third order impact of their decisions. More so, in the financial space where their decisions have implications for systemic risks.

Over the next couple of months, we will have to take a decision with respect to the kind of financial system we want in India, specifically with respect to the degree of integration between banks, NBFCs and other depository institutions. It is important to keep in mind the objective of having a financial system that's conducive for growth and can facilitate a \$5-trillion economy.

While there may be downside risks to our growth but very likely the worst is over. There are some challenges that continue but we've seen the Finance Minister play a proactive role in addressing them. Most of the measures announced by the ministry are definitely in the right direction. However, we may need a few more steps to get there.

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POINTCOUNTERPOINT

DO THESE PEOPLE HAVE COURAGE TO RESTORE ARTICLES 370 AND 35A? WILL THE PEOPLE OF THE NATION ALLOW THEM TO RESTORE THESE ARTICLES? —PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI



WHEN THE YOUTH ASK FOR JOBS, GOVERNMENT SPEAKS ABOUT ARTICLE 370 AND THE MOON BUT IS SILENT ON PROBLEMS IN THE COUNTRY. —FORMER CONGRESS PRESIDENT RAHUL GANDHI

Friendly leaders, secure ties

The recently-concluded second informal summit at Mamallapuram underlined the importance of the leadership discourse in India-China relations



ABHISHEK PRATAP SINGH

After more than a year since the April 2018 Wuhan summit between India and China, the leadership from both countries met again for the second informal summit at the historic town Mamallapuram in the southern State of Tamil Nadu. As both the nations consistently endorse the geo-civilisational framework of their bilateral relations, the coastal city formed the right setting for the meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Chinese Premier Xi Jinping, given its historical significance for both the neighbours. The place boasts strong trade and commerce links going way back to the second century BC between the Pallava kingdom and imperial China. In fact, Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai had also visited the place for a short tour during his trip to India in 1956. In the post-colonial era, the narrative for India-China relations has been built around the expression of Asian-African solidarity at Bandung (1955), Indo-China rapprochement and pragmatism (1989), shared vision for the 21st century (2008) and the objective of the Asian dream (2015). The Wuhan Summit, which took place last year post the Doklam standoff, was an attempt to restore the equilibrium in bilateral relations. It underlined the role of "strategic guidance" to the two militaries from the leadership to maintain peace and tranquility at the border between the neighbours.

In the post-Wuhan timeline, both Modi and Xi have maintained close high-level exchanges with each other, having met at different multilateral platforms and through various meetings. At the global level, both India and China are members of multilateral forums like BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa), Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, G20 and Russia-India-China Summit (RIC) sharing common interests in promoting globalisation and opposing trade protectionism. In the bilateral context, the sixth Strategic Economic Dialogue (SED) 2019 reached a "new consensus" on cooperation in policy coordination, infrastructure, energy conservation and environmental protection, high technology, energy and medicine between both. Moreover, at the ninth Financial Dialogue (2019), both the countries aimed to strengthen the framework for macro-economic cooperation and investment. These developments reflect a desire from both sides towards greater alignment in their development strategies for the future.

On defence cooperation, both the countries resumed their Annual Defence Joint Military Exercise 'Hand-in-Hand', 2018, in the city of Chengdu, China and will hold it again in December this year in Umroi, Meghalaya. Moreover, two Indian ships visited the Chinese port of Qingdao in April this year to mark the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) Navy in China.

After the Pulwama terror attacks in Jammu & Kashmir, China had backed the UN Security

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Council resolution condemning the "heinous and cowardly terror attacks" against India, even though initially, its lone opposition in the 15-member Council to any mention of terrorism resulted in a delay of nearly one week in the issuance of the statement. At the RIC Summit, China endorsed the proposal for a "closer policy coordination to eradicate the breeding grounds of terrorism." On the issue of listing Masood Azhar as global terrorist under UNSC resolution 1267, China finally shifted its position after 10 years, a key breakthrough in bilateral relations, much to the satisfaction of the domestic constituency in India. Despite remaining apart on tactical and strategic issues, these developments do suggest a positive side of bilateral relations.

In the context of bilateral relations, Xi's recent visit to India holds importance for many reasons. First, it underscores the centrality of the leadership discourse and its importance in bilateral relations under the present regime. In countries as vast as India and China, the leaders derive their strength from their domestic constituencies, which also propels them to keep assuring each other in order to avoid any crisis in the region. Second, the developments in South Asia and China's inroads in the Indian periphery, including the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), remain a source of concern for New Delhi. This kind of summit allows for better understanding of each other's intentions in a positive and open manner from the highest leadership, while also making a way forward to a more agreeable framework for a peaceful geo-political space in the region. This also sets a better direction for bilateral relations in the future. And third, the summit holds significance for economic relations between India and

China. This forms the biggest strategic asset in bilateral relations. The decision to set up a new high-level economic and trade dialogue mechanism between both will help address India's concerns on trade deficit and to promote better market access to Chinese markets. Quite notably, both the nations also agreed to deepen the fight against terror financing and reiterated their resolve to deepen exchanges at all levels, including legislatures, cultural and youth organisations.

Global politics remains at the crossroads, with rising protectionism and unilateralism affecting stability. To this, add the rise of Asia and other regional disruptions, which have come with their own set of challenges for both. These uncertainties at the international and regional level do pose a common concern to both China and India. Thus, it is imperative to boost the idea of "developmental partnership" between both and to strive for greater consultation on all matters of common interest, right from the economy to security.

The summit was an important opportunity to deepen dialogue and to promote mutual understanding. The main task before bilateral relations is how to remain more prudent while strengthening channels of communication and coordination on a range of issues. At a time, when the international situation is witnessing re-adjustments, the summit held significance, propelling both nations to look for mutual stability and cooperation in bilateral relations. As was aptly put by Modi at the summit, the "Wuhan spirit had given a new momentum and trust to our ties. A new era of cooperation will begin today through the Chennai Connect."

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FOREIGN EYE



INDIA AND CHINA FACE SIMILAR CHALLENGES

China and India, both developing countries with a population of over one billion, face common development opportunities and realistic challenges. Both intend to make use of positive factors to follow the trends of the times. At the same time, unilateralism and protectionism are mounting and the risks and challenges for developing countries have risen. The cooperation between China and India not only contributes to each other's national development, but also helps safeguard the common interests of developing countries and promote the process of multi-polarisation and economic globalisation.

(People's Daily, editorial)

Riding out the slowdown storm

Amid fears of a worsening economic crisis, the Government should be willing to take further action to repair the damage and propose a concrete roadmap to build fiscal resilience and sustainability



NITHIN AUGUSTINE

Undoubtedly, India is going through a bad phase in its economic growth history. Data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the National Statistical Office (NSO) indicate the likelihood of a prolonged period of slow growth, while Moody's Investors Service cut our Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast for 2019-20 to 5.8 per cent from the earlier estimate of 6.2 per cent. Further, the macroeconomic data shows that factory output figures fell by 1.1 per cent in August, recording the poorest production rates in seven years.

These and several other factors that have led to the fiscal slowdown don't augur well for a country that for nearly two years enjoyed the tag of "the fastest growing major economy in the world." Moreover, the deceleration struck when the

world was looking to India for its ability to sustain and attract foreign investments and the radical reforms it initiated in the past. Globally, economies, both in developed and developing countries, are grappling with a similar crisis where growth rates have seen a major slowdown and this is expected to continue.

In a consumption-led economy like India, the revival of growth will largely depend on how much people spend. Therefore, the Government's challenge is to put cash in their hands, provide relief to labour-intensive sectors, rationalise Goods and Services Tax (GST) rates, create jobs and revive demand for goods and services. But such measures are not meant to produce a long-term impact but work well in the shorter term.

According to the *UN Trade and Development Report 2019* in Geneva, global growth is expected to witness a decline from three per cent in 2018 to a projected 2.3 per cent in 2019-20. With increasing debt levels, subdued growth and escalation in trade tensions, global economic growth momentum has suffered badly. Rising trends of hyper-nationalism manifested in the form of inward looking trade policies, de-globalisation

and political unwillingness to address issues such as climate change and terrorism could potentially trigger a full-blown economic crisis. Caroline Anstey, Senior Adviser, Sustainable Markets, World Economic Forum, in a recent article, titled "We need an economic model that works for people and the planet" highlights that "an increasing number of millennial business leaders and women in particular are calling for a new kind of market: A sustainable market, an inclusive, equitable, green and profitable market where sustainable principles drive growth, generating long-term value through the integration and balance of natural, social, human and financial capital." Tough times call for flexible, sustainable and resilient policy action that will lay a roadmap for securing the future, drawing lessons from the present crisis.

As a result, vulnerabilities in the current economic policies and periodic slowdowns have become subjects of intense debate and scrutiny globally, raising questions on the economic models that financial markets are following. This is particularly true as the impact of the 2008 global economic meltdown continues to haunt many

economies even today. Joseph Stiglitz, noted American Economist in his book *Freefall: America, Free Markets, and the Sinking of the World Economy* points out that "during the Great Depression of the 1930s, the economics profession, especially in America, was having a hard time. The reigning paradigm then, as now, held that markets were efficient and self-correcting. As the economy plunged into recession and then depression, many gave some simple advice: Do nothing. Just wait and the economy will quickly recover." It was around this time that John Maynard Keynes, a British economist of the time, proposed a remedial action in the form of increasing expenditure and creating more jobs to tackle a prolonged period of slowdown. For a demographically vast India, this may seem incredibly challenging but consumption and job creation hold the key to economic revival. Evidently, many would agree that it was President Franklin D Roosevelt's New Deal Programme that pulled America out of the Great Depression that focussed a lot of its attention on expenditure and job creation.

The immediate steps to revive the economy should, therefore, take into considera-

tion — reviving demand, increasing expenditure and creating jobs.

Reviving the weakening demand for goods and services is one of the foremost steps to boost growth and provide an immediate relief to a sagging economy. A fillip to private consumption will do wonders in ensuring that people spend money, thereby triggering a gradual rise in demand and thus, production of goods and services. But spending will happen only when there is money in the hands of the people. Usually, during slowdowns or recession, people prefer to hoard money or deposit it in banks for future use. And it seems that is exactly what is happening here at the moment. Therefore, the Government should announce more festive bonuses and incentives so that higher expenditure may result in revival of goods and services. Another way that the Government can boost growth and revive demand is by way of offering tax cuts. The recent announcement of corporate tax cuts is a welcome step in this direction.

Though the recent measures that the Government has announced aim to increase spending, very few of them will serve the intended purpose.

One of the reasons is that consumer confidence is at an all-time low. As per the RBI's latest Consumer Confidence Survey, people's feelings around employment, income and discretionary spending are at a six-year low. Therefore, the challenge at hand is to restore consumer confidence so that instead of holding back, people may loosen their purse strings a bit.

The rising employment rate has added to the current slowdown and will further escalate it if this is not contained. As per the latest Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), the unemployment rate in India stands at a 45 year high. Employment generation is a key component of a stable economy. When there are enough jobs for people, credit availability and discretionary spending will naturally go up, resulting in increased economic activity. Amid fears of a worsening economic crisis, the Government should be willing to take further action to fix the damage and propose a long-term roadmap to build economic resilience, sustainability and flexibility and secure the future of the world's second-most populous country.

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No more bad hair days

Hair fall is very common in today's hectic and unhealthy lifestyle. Whether men or women, hair fall is a problem that everyone is facing. The most likely cause of scalp hair loss is Androgenetic Alopecia (AGA). The underlying cause of woman's AGA is believed to be related to production of androgenetic (male) hormones and their effect on the hair follicle — the same underlying cause responsible for male androgenetic alopecia (male pattern baldness).

However, hair loss in women can occur for reasons other than female pattern baldness like breaking of hair from treatments and twisting or pulling of hair, certain skin diseases that lead to scarring of the hair follicles; hormonal abnormalities, iron deficiency or vitamin deficiency, medications such as chemotherapy and beta blockers; temporary shedding of hair after a major illness, surgery, or pregnancy.

Hair thinning in women is different from that of male pattern of baldness. In female hair thins mainly on the top and crown of the scalp. The hair loss rarely progresses to baldness in women and develop the cue-ball appearance often seen in male-pattern androgenetic alopecia. Female pattern baldness does not mean that a woman has a medical disorder.

In most cases, hair loss is mild or moderate. For a permanent and more complete solution you may want to consider hair transplantation. In most of the cases doctors even use both the manual and the most advanced Robotic System for hair transplantation with no downtime.

To stop hair fall problem many people use expensive cosmetics, conditioners and shampoos available in the market. But they don't understand that the effect of these cosmetics might harm the scalp and hair roots. A better understanding of what shampoo and conditioner does may help with this question. Shampoo is a cleaner, it's supposed to get all the dirt and grime out of your hair. Hair products are extensively used because hair is that aspect of your appearance which completes your look. Shampoos, conditioners, gels and serums may make your hair look perfect for the day, but in the long run they are doing nothing but damaging your hair. Such cosmetics effect the hair quantity and quality leading to excessive dandruff, thinning of hair or redness of scalp.

Hairsprays are even more dangerous as they can result in scalp damage and permanent discoloration of hair. Hair colours and hair dyes are next to toxic as allergic reactions can cause burning, redness, itchy scalp, breathing difficulties and facial swelling. The chemicals in hair dyes are toxic and can cause diseases like cancer, reproductive failure and damage to lungs.

Today, many people use modern technologies like laser to get rid of hair fall problem. But, many people have some misconceptions that laser and aesthetic medicine treatment causes hair reduction that will be harmful to health, can damage internal organs. But the fact is the depth of laser penetration is 1-4 mm, it reaches only the hair follicles and is then completely dissipated and does not penetrate deeper. Therefore, weak lasers like low level laser therapy helps to grow hair on the scalp without causing much damage.

SUMMER COOLERS

FENNEL SEEDS: Fennel seeds are highly aromatic and flavourful herbs used in cookery. They are used to treat some common digestive ailments including heartburn, intestinal gas and bloating.

Some people eat fennel seeds as mouth fresheners. Chewing fennel seeds can also help in getting rid of bad breath as they increase the production of saliva thereby washing out the bacteria. They also help to relieve morning sickness.

The antioxidants and other antimicrobial properties in fennel seeds help treat a host of hair ailments. Some of these include dandruff, scalp itchiness, hair breakage and hair fall.

They also contain nitrites, compounds known to lower blood pressure levels. The fiber content in them also help in lowering the cholesterol levels.



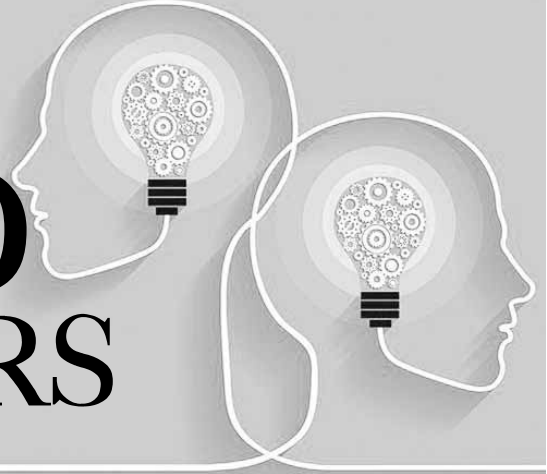
There are different types of mental health diseases and it is important to differentiate between them. Listed below are the five types of mental disorders.

Major depressive disorder (depression): Depression is a very common mental illness that has negative effects on many aspects of life. It can also reduce your ability to think. A person suffering from this can feel sad and this sadness is unrelenting. If untreated it can last for months or years. Not being involved with anything, avoiding social contacts/ gatherings, a change in appetite, a change in sleep patterns, a lack of energy or an increase in fatigue, making yourself feel worthless and guilty. Friends and family of a depression patient play a huge role in its treatment. Not only can they help you to identify this disease but can also help one get over it.

Schizophrenia: It is a serious mental disorder in which a person can have a distorted sense of reality. He/she becomes irritable, can misinterpret actions or body language, and may stop taking care of hygiene. It is not very common, but it can cause serious symptoms. Diagnosing schizophrenia in adolescents can be difficult because symptoms can be quite vague like irritability, keeping to one self, mood swings, and change in sleep pattern. It can be cured only

EVERY MIND MATTERS

Nearly one in five young people globally say that they are not happy. DR MANISH JAIN tells you how one can tackle mental health disorders



with the help of medicine and psychologist.

Bipolar Disorder: It is a type of mental illness in which mood disturbance is the core issue. The changes in mood may last from a few weeks to a few months. A person suffering from bipolar disorder may experience either depression or a state known as mania. In Manic state self-esteem becomes inflated, energy levels are very high, one may not feel like sleeping or may feel fresh even after sleeping for only two-three hours, one may start spending recklessly, becomes overtalkative and others. This phase generally alternates with depressive

phases with normal periods in between the two. It can be cured only with the help of medicines

Obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD): It is a type of anxiety disorder in which obsessive thoughts and images predominate. People with OCD see something from a perspective.

In this disease, it is necessary to wash hands continuously, check body parts, repeat regular activities, and count things repeatedly. It can be cured with help of medication, psychological therapy, ERP therapy, and self-help strategies.

Anxiety: Anxiety, restlessness, fear of the future based on real or

imaginary events all the time affects both body and mind. The major symptoms of anxiety are fatigue, headaches, and insomnia.

These symptoms may also vary for a particular person, but permanent fear and anxiety are seen in all. If these symptoms are not severe they may end with the passage of time, otherwise the anxiety disorder occurs and the ability to perform everyday life and work begins to be affected.

It can be treated by following healthy lifestyle, it is very important to improve our chaotic lifestyle. Eat at regular intervals and also make a fixed time to sleep and get up.

Things to watch out for



Take care of your body: To have a healthy body, you should take care of your health. For this, eat healthy food and drink plenty of water. Apart from this, exercise and get complete sleep. Especially keep away

from smoking.

Keep learning new things: To keep the mind healthy one should try to keep learning something new. Apart from this, take time for the work you like and do it. It will also give you fun

Walk: Today, our biggest problem is stress, if you want to avoid it take a walk to boost mental health.

Yoga: It is the easiest and most effective way and there are many *asanas* and poses for mental health

■ *Bhramari* keeps your mind calm. This can eliminate anger and anxiety from the brain.

■ *Paschimotsan* gives mental relief. It relaxes the muscles and help to reduce stress.

■ *SetuBandhasana* is also a better way to keep the mind fit.

■ *Sarvangasana* leads for better circulation of blood to the brain, reducing stress and feeling relieved.

Sweat it out



Swimming: Swimming can boost mental health and it is a great form of exercise. Swimming helps to reduce weight and promotes the growth of new brain cell which help to boost mental health.

Cycling: Cycling is also a great exercise for mental health. Cycling Reduces stress, reduce risk of depression, Helps you sleep better, Improves your memory, Improves creative thinking and helps you to feel good

Dance: Regularly dancing keeps a person physically and mentally healthy. There is protection against many diseases and solutions to existing diseases and physical problems. Dance can increase your memory.

Because of this, your chances of developing dementia (dementia, dementia) are also significantly reduced as you get older. Science suggests that aerobic exercise prevents damage to the part of the brain that controls memory. Also, Dance can help you to release stress.

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DadiKaKehna

Babies have the tendency to put everything in their mouth leading to stomach infection and causing diarrhoea. ROSHANI DEVI shares home remedies that can be beneficial



In most cases, if the diarrhoea is not severe, there are home remedies that one can follow to make the baby feel better. But diarrhoea becomes more severe and or the baby has fever, consult the pediatrician immediately as babies can quickly become dehydrated.

Because of loose motions, babies lose potassium. Bananas contain potassium, zinc, iron, calcium, magnesium, and Vitamin A and B6. Diarrhoea can sap the baby's energy making him cranky, this will help restore his strength.

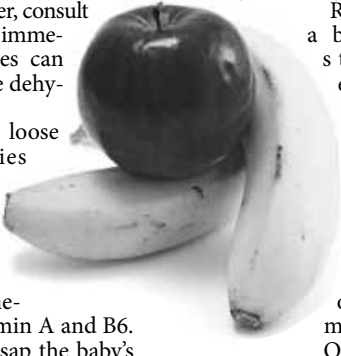
Another fruit that can help is apple. They are full of pectin which helps in firming

up the baby's bowel movement. Wash an apple properly, peel and cut into pieces. Boil it in water to make a puree. This too will help the baby gain strength.

Rice water is a boon to a stomach especially in diarrhoea.

Give half a glass of coconut water to the baby to drink once in the morning.

One can give the baby a boiled potato to eat. It is not only easy to digest when the stomach is upset, but it is one of the easiest home remedies to stop diarrhoea in babies.



TIPTOP

Heart surgeries are complicated and when it comes to Bentall's procedure the risks go higher. Paras Hospital, Gurugram has come up with an effective solution, as they successfully cured a patient above maladies, without much need for an invasive approach. Using their invasive technology, Paras has done the difficult job as it provided a conclusive relief to this ongoing problem.

A 21-year-old man Amit Kumar, who hails from Haryana, had been suffering from chest pain, breathlessness on minimal exertion. Echocardiogram showed severe aortic regurgitation with dilated ascending aorta. CT aortogram showed dilatation of aorta over 5.9cms (normal range - 2.0-3.5cms). He was advised to undergo a complex

heart surgery called as Bentall's operation.

"This was the first time we were treating such a patient. Through this surgery we replaced ascending aorta and aortic valve together. This operation is generally done through a full midline sternotomy wound around 25 cm in length. As he has to join college in Australia in a few months, we decided to do it through minimally invasive approach and did the same surgery through a 9 cm incision, by using latest minimally invasive technology. Due to this technique, we believe that he will be able to recover fast and be fully independent in a few days instead of taking a few weeks," said Dr Mahesh Wadhvani, MS, MCh, Head of Department, Cardiothoracic and vascular surgery, Paras Hospital, Gurugram.



SLIMLINE

People who smoke fewer than five cigarettes a day cause long-term damage to their lungs, according to a new research.

"Many people assume that smoking a few cigarettes a day isn't so bad, but it turns out that the difference in loss of lung function between someone who smokes five cigarettes a day versus two packs a day is relatively small," said study lead author Elizabeth Oelsner, Assistant Professor at

Columbia University Vagelos College in the US.

For the study published in *The Lancet Respiratory Medicine*, the researchers looked specifically at lung function — the amount of air a person can breathe in and out — in smokers, ex-smokers, and never-smokers. Lung function declines naturally with age (starting in one's 20s), and it's well-known that smoking accelerates the decline.

— IANS

HAVE A GOODNIGHT'S SLEEP

It is important to choose the right pillow and mattress for a proper sleep. ANIL GUPTA shares tips that may help you pick wisely



Sleeping on the wrong pillow may lead to neck and back pains. One of the key factors towards getting the benefits of your time in bed is having a pillow that fills the needs of the person. Many people don't consider, but pillows play a very specific role in their sleep. Since pillows serve an important role in your sleep, they will have a great impact on your better standard of rest and your overall health.

Sleeping on your pillow serves two basic functions. A pillow provides support to upper back and neck when they are resting, and they provide comfort than cannot be had without a pillow. When you are shopping for one, it is important to consider both of these factors, as they will both play a huge role in the betterment of your sleep. So selection of pillows in daily life plays a very important role. However, different kind of pillow support play different role.

■ If you had problem with your spine and back pain, opt for a classic Ortho pillow. Since this posture supported the neck and the head. These pillows come with unique round-shaped ridge at the front, and provide support to the neck. When the neck and shoulders are in stress free position, Also pillows come with unique Vario system for adjustable height, as per individual preference it reduces the chance of problems in the cervical region. Make sure your night sleep is the most comfortable one.

■ If you prefer sleeping on your back, snoring is more common in men, though many women also snore. The flapping of airway tissues against each other causes a loud snoring noise. Most of the doctors recommend sleeping on the side and using a comfortable body pillow. You should consider an anti-snoring pillow due to a specially designed, inflatable head-side-roller, it induces side sleep. Regular use of pillow provides a therapeutic and durable anti-snoring solution.

■ When you are in the office sometimes chair can be an unpleasant experience which can lead to lower back and spine problems. Make sure that your back problems are in check with the lumbar pillows. It's curved shape makes sure that the back is properly supported while sitting. It will relieve lower back issues, and also correct the spine anatomically.

■ Not, only that, after a heavy stressful day when you return to your home, driving becomes a huge task for working people. Orthopedic Wedge cushion will keep this problem in check. Sitting on it will stimulate the correct sitting posture on any surface. It can be used to sit in a car or on office chair. At home, you can use it to sit on normal chairs as well.

■ Many of the people who have a habit of falling asleep anywhere, this is a miracle. It will improve the neck posture and make sure napping anywhere becomes easier. While working on a desktop, people tend to slouch, this can cause unnecessary stress to the neck. For this neck pillow can be your best friend for having a nap under a little shorter break.

■ Not, only are pillows important for the role they play during our sleep, mattress also do the same job for us. One can go for Talalay Latex mattresses, research says that those mattresses which made from natural materials are the best for sleeping. Also 100 per cent natural latex will not cause allergies because of the way it is processed and the end product being open celled.

So give yourself the support you need throughout the day and night. Always remember pillows should be classy in style, guarantee best pressure relief and provide comfort. This will ensure a cuddle-some sleep setting.

The writer is Chairman, Thomsons Germany

STUDYCENTRE

Poor dietary habits, increased stress and harsh skincare routines were among the most significant factors associated with acne, according to a study.

The research was presented at the 28th European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology Congress in Madrid. "For the first time, this study allows us to identify the most important exposure factors relating to acne from patient questioning prior to any treatment prescription," said the study's lead researcher Brigitte Dreno from the University Hospital of Nantes in France.

The results showed that significantly more individuals with acne (48.2 per cent) consumed dairy products daily compared to individuals who did not (38.8 per cent). The difference was also statistically significant for soda juices or syrups (35.6 per cent vs 31 per cent), pastries and chocolate (37 per cent vs 27.8 per cent) and sweets (29.7 per cent vs 19.1 per cent).

Surprisingly 11 per cent of acne sufferers consume whey proteins versus 7 per cent without acne and 11.9 per cent of acne sufferers consume anabolic steroids versus 3.2 per cent without acne.

Exposure to pollution or stress was also more frequently observed in participants with acne compared to control participants.

The research also found that harsh skincare practices were more common in acne sufferers.

— IANS



Syria Govt steps in to halt Turkish assault on Kurds

Tall Tamr (Syria): The Syrian regime sent troops towards the Turkish border on Monday to contain Ankara's deadly offensive against the Kurds, stepping in for US forces due to begin a controversial withdrawal.

Outgunned and without US protection, the autonomous Kurds in northeastern Syria had few other options to stop the rapid advance of Turkish troops and their Syrian proxies.

Turkey wants to create a roughly 30-kilometre (20-mile) buffer zone along its border to keep Kurdish forces at bay and also to send back some of the 3.6 million Syrian refugees it hosts.

The United States and its partners, who spent years fighting alongside the Kurds against the Islamic State group in Syria before deserting them, have condemned the Turkish invasion, but their threats of sanctions have failed to stop it.

Washington says that it is planning to pull out 1,000 troops — almost the entire ground force — from Syria's north, in a move welcomed Monday by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan as "a positive approach." The chaos in the areas targeted in the six-day-old Turkish assault has

already led to the escape of around 800 foreign women and children linked to IS from a Kurdish-run camp, Kurdish authorities said.

The Kurds had repeatedly warned of that scenario when Western countries refused to repatriate their IS-linked nationals and when US President Donald Trump made it clear he wanted to end the US military presence.

EU CONDEMNS TURKISH INVASION

Luxembourg: EU member states united on Monday to condemn Turkey's offensive in Syria but stopped short of imposing an arms embargo, while opening the way to sanctions over Ankara's controversial drilling off Cyprus.

"The EU condemns Turkey's military action which seriously undermines the stability and the security of the whole region," the bloc said in a joint statement at a meeting of Foreign Ministers in Luxembourg.

The bloc noted the decision made by some members — including France and Germany — to halt weapons exports to Turkey but did not impose an EU-wide embargo.

But Trump on Monday said the Kurds "may be releasing" IS prisoners to keep the US involved in Syria.

Wasting no time to fill the void, Moscow — already the top broker in Syria — clinched a deal between the Kurds and Damascus, whose ties had been icy since the minority threw its lot with Washington and unilaterally declared self-rule.

Trump: Kurds 'may be releasing' ISIS prisoners in Syria to get US involved

Washington: President Donald Trump suggested on Monday that Kurdish fighters may be releasing imprisoned ISIS jihadists to bait the United States into remaining involved in northeastern Syria.

The Pentagon said on Sunday Trump had ordered the withdrawal of up to 1,000 troops from northern Syria — almost the entire ground force in the war-torn country — amid an intensifying Turkish assault on Kurdish forces.

Trump's decision last week to pull out of the area — clearing the way for the Turkish incursion — has been attacked at home as a betrayal of America's Kurdish allies, that risks triggering a resurgence of IS.

"Europe had a chance to get their ISIS prisoners, but didn't want the cost. Let the USA pay," they said..." Trump tweeted, using an alternate acronym for the Islamic State group.

"Kurds may be releasing some to get us involved. Easily recaptured by Turkey or European Nations from where many came, but they should move quickly." Kurdish authorities said Sunday that 800 IS family members being held in a camp at Ain Issa in northern Syria had fled due to Turkish bombing.

Instead, the Ministers agreed that EU member countries should pay close regard to their existing common policy on arms exports, which includes a provision that they should not be approved where there they may "contribute to regional instability".

Separately, the ministers gave the go-ahead to creating the legal framework for sanctions over Turkey's exploratory drilling for oil and gas off the coast of Cyprus.

"In light of Turkey's continued illegal drilling activities in the eastern Mediterranean, the Council reaffirms its full solidarity with Cyprus," the EU Council said in a statement.

Brexit talks enter crucial week

Deal on Oct 31 a 'priority' for UK Govt: Queen

London: Prime Minister Boris Johnson repeated on Monday that Britain must leave the EU on October 31, as divorce talks resumed in Brussels in a pivotal week that could define how and when Brexit finally happens.

In an elaborate ceremony in parliament in London, Queen Elizabeth II set out Johnson's legislative programme for the coming year, with leaving the EU top of the agenda.

"My government's priority has always been to secure the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union on October 31," she said in a speech to robed peers from a gilded throne in the upper House of Lords.

"My government intends to work towards a new partnership with the European Union, based on free trade and friendly cooperation."

But this depends on the outcome of closed-door discussions in Brussels, where officials are racing to reach a deal on Britain's exit terms before a summit of EU leaders starting on Thursday.

If he cannot get a deal by Saturday, Johnson will fall foul of a British law demanding he ask the EU to delay Brexit for a third time rather than risk a potentially disastrous "no deal" departure.

"A deal is possible and it's



Britain's Queen Elizabeth II delivers the Queen's Speech during the official State Opening of Parliament in London on Monday

possible this month," Irish Deputy Prime Minister Simon Coveney said as he arrived for talks with EU foreign ministers in Luxembourg.

"It may even be possible this week but we're not there yet," Michel Barnier, the bloc's chief Brexit negotiator, briefed EU ambassadors late Sunday after a weekend of talks between officials described as "intense" and "constructive".

After weeks of gloom, the last few days have given a glimmer of hope that an agreement can be reached but there has so far been no decisive breakthrough.

Barnier warned on Sunday that "a lot of work remains to be done".

This message echoed by

Johnson's spokesman in London, who said on Monday: "The talks are constructive but there is a lot of work still to do."

More than three years after the 2016 referendum vote to leave the EU, divorce talks remain stuck on how to avoid customs checks between British Northern Ireland and Ireland.

After British MPs rejected a previous plan, Johnson put forward fresh proposals earlier this month -- but they have been met with a cool response in Brussels.

Johnson took over from his predecessor Theresa May in July vowing no more delays, after she postponed Brexit twice in a failed attempt to get her own divorce deal through the British parliament.

Hong Kong cops say they were attacked by explosive device

Hong Kong: Hong Kong police say a homemade remote-controlled explosive device intended to "kill or to harm" police officers was detonated during violent protests across the territory on Sunday.

No casualties were reported. But Chin-chiu Suryanto, an officer with the police force's bomb-disposal unit, told a news conference Monday that the device was concocted with a "highly effective" explosive.

Speaking through a translator, he said there was "a loud thud" from the detonation Sunday night on a usually busy thoroughfare in Kowloon.

He said the use of an explosive device marked an escalation in violence seen during the anti-government protests, which are in their fifth month. He likened the use of such a device to "terrorist events" seen elsewhere in the world.

US senator warns HK becoming 'police state' as thousands rally

Hong Kong: Hong Kong is sliding towards becoming a police state, US senator Josh Hawley warned on Monday, as tens of thousands filled the strife-torn city's streets waving American flags and calling on Washington to punish China over sliding freedoms. The international finance hub was battered by another weekend of unrest as hardcore pro-democracy protesters and police fought running battles with officers warning the violence had now reached "life-threatening levels". Protests pushing for greater democratic freedoms and police accountability have raged for the last 19 weeks and there is little end in sight as Beijing and local leaders refuse concessions.

Spanish SC convicts Catalan leaders for secession attempt

Madrid: Spain's Supreme Court on Monday convicted 12 former Catalan politicians and activists for their roles in a secession bid in 2017, a ruling likely to inflame independence supporters in the wealthy northeastern region.

The court sentenced ex-Catalan regional Vice President Oriol Junqueras to 13 years for sedition and misuse of public funds following one of Spain's most important trials since democracy was restored after the death of dictator Gen. Francisco Franco in 1975.

Eight received lengthy prison terms in Catalonia's attempt to break away from Spain following an illegal independence referendum, while three received lesser sentences.

Although prosecutors had requested convictions for the more severe crime of rebellion, which under Spanish law implies the use of violence to subvert the constitutional order, judges convicted nine of sedition, implying that they promoted public disorder to subvert the law.

Regional Parliament Speaker Carme Forcadell was given 11 and a half years in

prison; former Cabinet members Joaquim Forn and Josep Rull 10 and a half years each; and grassroots pro-independence activists Jordi Sánchez and Jordi Cuixart nine years.

Junqueras and three other former Cabinet members — Raül Romeva, Jordi Turull and Dolors Bassa, who were sentenced to 12 years — were also convicted for misuse of public funds. Three other former members of the Catalan Cabinet — Santiago Vila, Meritxell Borràs y Carles Mundó — were fined for disobedience. Grassroots pro-secession groups have said that if any of the defendants were found guilty they would organise protests and "peaceful civil disobedience."

Spanish authorities deployed hundreds of extra police to the region in anticipation of the ruling. The court's decision was another milestone in the long struggle for separatists who want Catalonia to break away from Spain and create a new European state. Spain insists it won't allow it. The Spanish constitution says the country is "indivisible."

Russia denies US news report it bombed four hospitals in Syria

Moscow: Russia on Monday denied a US newspaper report that its warplanes bombed four hospitals in rebel-held territory in Syria over a period of 12 hours this year.

The Russian Defence Ministry rubbished the claim in a report by The New York Times, saying "the alleged 'evidence' provided by the NYT is not worth even the paper it was printed on".

The May strikes — which the newspaper tied to Moscow through Russian radio recordings, plane spotter logs and accounts by witnesses — are part of a larger pattern of medical facilities targeted by forces supporting Syrian President Bashar al-Assad in the country's devastating civil war.

Nabad al Hayat Surgical Hospital — which staff had fled three days earlier in anticipation of the facility being bombed — was one of those struck during the 12-hour period beginning on May 5, according to the Times' investigation.

A Russian ground controller gave the exact coordinates of the hospital to the pilot, who reported having it in sight a few minutes later, the newspaper said.

The controller gave the go-ahead for the strike at the same time that a spotter who was tasked with warning civilians about impending strikes logged a Russian jet in the area. The pilot then reported releasing bombs, and local journalists filming the hospital recorded three bombs going through its roof and exploding.

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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, REMOTE E-VOTING & CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Members of **Sparkling (India) Finshares Limited** is scheduled to be held on Saturday, the 9th day of November, 2019 at 02.00 P.M. at the registered office of the Company situated at Unit No. 355, 3rd Floor, Aggarwal Kondli Plaza Plot No. 8, LSC-I, Kondli Gharoli, Mayur Vihar Delhi New Delhi DL 110096 IN.

The Annual Report for the financial year 2018-19 including Notice convening the AGM has been sent to the members to their registered address by courier, and electronically to those who have registered their e-mail address with Depositories/RTA/Company. The Annual Report is available on the Company's website (www.sparklingfinshares.com) and also available for inspection at the registered office of the company on all working days during the business hours upto the date of Meeting. The notice is also available on the Website of the Company(www.sparklingfinshares.com).

As per Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013, read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended from time to time and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements), Regulations 2015, the company is pleased to provide to its members the facility to cast their vote by Electronic means on all resolution set forth in Notice. The Company has engaged the services of Central Depository Services Limited to provide the E-Voting facility to the shareholders.

The Register of the Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from November 01, 2019 to November 09, 2019 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of Annual General Meeting of the Company.

- Members may note that:
- i. the cut-off date for the purpose of determining shareholders for voting through Remote E-Voting and at the venue of AGM is November 01, 2019 (close of Business hours) and Members holding shares either in physical or dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date of November 01, 2019 (close of Business hours) may either cast their votes electronically through electronic voting system of Central Depository Services Limited from a place other than the venue of AGM ("Remote E-voting") or at AGM venue through Ballot Paper;
 - ii. the Remote E-voting shall commence from November 06, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. and will end at November 08, 2019 at 5:00 P.M.
 - iii. any person who have acquired shares and become member of the Company after the dispatch of the notice of AGM but before the cut-off date of November 01, 2019 (close of Business hours) may obtain their user ID and password for e-voting from the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent (RTA) by connecting to RTA at the following contacts:
RTA - Tel.: +91 11 -2681 2683, Email Id.: <info@skyllinerfa.com>
 - iv. the Remote E-voting facility shall be disabled by Central Depository Services Limited after November 08, 2019 at 05:00 P.M. and no voting shall be allowed beyond the said date and time;
 - v. the facility of voting at the venue of AGM shall be provided through Ballot Paper to be provided at the venue;
 - vi. a Member may participate in the AGM even after exercising his right to vote through Remote E-voting but shall not be allowed to vote again in the AGM;
 - vii. a person whose name is recorded in the register of members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting as well as voting at the general meeting through Ballot Paper;
 - viii. In case you have any queries or issues regarding e-voting, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") and e-voting manual available at www.evotingindia.com, under help section or write an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com and call to CDSL at 1800225533.

In compliance of applicable provisions of Companies Act, 2013 and as a part of the Green Initiative, the Company encourages the Members to provide / update their e-mail address to enable the servicing of notice(s)/ documents(s)/ Annual Report(s) electronically. The request for updation of records for members holding shares in Physical mode should be sent to the Company or RTA and to the Depository Participant in case of members holding shares in dematerialized mode.

For Sparkling (India) Finshares Limited
Sd/-
(Cheruku Sagarika)
Director

Date: 14.10.2019
New Delhi

PRESS E-TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, Civil Division No. VII, Irrigation & Flood Control Deptt., Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Sector-15, Rohini, Delhi invites online Item rate E-tenders on behalf of the President of India from approved and eligible contractors of I&FC Deptt. The contractors who are registered with other Departments but granted provisional permission by the Chief Engineer (I&FC) are also eligible for participation of e-tendering for the following works:-

| Sr. No | NIT No. | Name of Work | Head of Account | Estimate Cost (In Rs.) | Earnest Money (In Rs.) | Time Allowed | Tender ID No. | Last date & time for submission of Price Bid. |
|--------|--------------------------|---|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|-------------------|---|
| 1. | EE/CD-VII/NIT/2018-19/65 | Development of Pond, Kh. No. 38/26 at village Prahaldpur in Distt. North. | DVDB Works | 74,98,626/- | 1,49,973/- | 03 Months | 2019_IFC_181754_1 | 22.10.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs |
| 2. | EE/CD-VII/NIT/2019-20/32 | Construction of Streets at village Harevali in Distt. North, Delhi. | MLALAD Works | 48,19,042/- | 96,381/- | 04 Months | 2019_IFC_181756_1 | 22.10.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs |
| 3. | EtyCD-VII/NIT/2019-20/65 | Improvement of existing damaged road from Samaypur Chowk to Libaspur Shiv Mandir in Badli AC. | MLALAD Works | 78,91,183/- | 1,57,8247/- | 03 Months | 2019_IFC_181759_1 | 22.10.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs |

1. The enlistment of the contractors should be valid on the last date of opening of tenders. In case, the last date of opening of tender is extended, the enlistment of contractor should be valid on the original date of opening of tenders.
2. Earnest money in physical form and self attested copy of Registration of enlistment & other documents (eg. ESI & EPF registration, copy of PAN card, Copy of GST documents) should be submitted in the Office of Executive Engineer, Civil Division- VII, I&FC Deptt., Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Sector-15, Rohini, Delhi-110085 upto 3.00 PM on the last date of submission of technical bids for obtaining the deposition slip for uploading.
3. The details of above mentioned work(s) can be seen and downloaded from the website <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
4. The agencies who do not fulfill eligibility criteria/ do not submit required documents upto the stipulated time, their tenders shall be rejected summarily at technical bid stage.
5. Tenders submitted through e-procurement portal shall only be considered and no manual tender shall be accepted.
6. Intending tenders participating in tendering process in EE CD- VII, I&FC shall furnish ESI & EPF registration along with other required documents and the same shall be uploaded while bidding. Moreover the ESI & EPF registration documents of all contractors shall be kept on records and ESI & EPF registration documents of lowest tenderer to whom the work awarded shall form the part of the agreement. (I&FC department office order No.1417-48 dated 29.01.2016).

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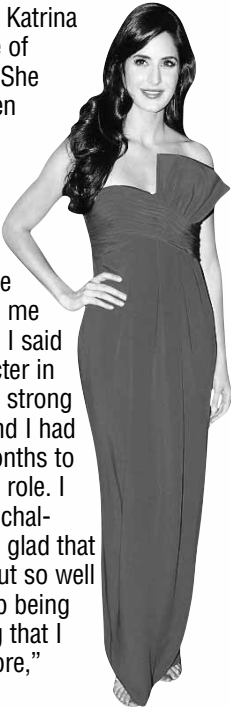
Trend Glazer

'Bharat, a great learning experience'

Actor **KATRINA KAIF** says she took up *Bharat* as a challenge and is glad that it turned out to be a "great learning" experience for her.

In the Salman Khan-starrer *Bharat*, Katrina essays the role of Kumud Raina. She stepped in when actor Priyanka Chopra Jonas left the Ali Abbas Zafar project.

"The minute Ali approached me with the script, I said yes. My character in the film is very strong and unusual and I had exactly two months to prepare for the role. I took it up as a challenge and I am glad that it has turned out so well and it ended up being unlike anything that I have done before," Katrina said.



'Working with Ranbir (Kapoor) has been a very good experience for me. He is normal and humble in his approach. He doesn't come on a film set thinking that he has been a part of many successful films and is a huge star. He doesn't come with any of that baggage, so it is very easy to work with such actors. Working with him has helped me become a better actor.'
—Vaani Kapoor



Director IMTIAZ ALI tells SAIMI SATTAR that stories have a way of finding the raconteur

The moon shines brightly. As brightly as only a full one can. The air, the monuments and the stones lying around are laden with stories of people who passed by them. And the ruins are willing to whisper these in the ears of anyone who is willing to listen. The area is said to be rife with Jinns. And then there is the mausoleum a stone's throw away, built unlike the one it inspired, by a queen for her beloved king. Across the road lies Amir Khusräu who wove an intricate and vivid web with his poetry that more than 700 years down the line continues to cast its mesmerising spell. Sunder Nursery, Delhi's newest recovered monument, is just the appropriate setting to narrate *qissa, kahani* and *gapp*, says the original rockstar, director Imtiaz Ali.

Dressed in a black t-shirt embroidered with the word *sheer* (sweet) in the Arabic script, with a grey zipped sweatshirt that seemed to match his salt and pepper hair, Ali exudes a Sufi-like calmness despite being up for a discussion in the next hour at the IXth Kathakar—International Storytellers Festival. Ali is a part of the festival for the second consecutive year and he came back for a reason. "I was fascinated by the audience participation. The show extended for more than two hours beyond the designated time. You gain so much confidence when you realise that the subtleties of the work that you've done is being spoken about by people who you intended it to reach," he says.

However, it isn't just the pleasant memories that tugged him. "From my childhood I was and still am a people gazer. My biggest interest is to look at people and interact with them. It gives me the basis for stories. There are dreamers from whom I can borrow ideas and memories. The interactions aren't one-sided and give me an insight for survival and growth while adding a bounce to my stories," says he.

However, it is a common refrain that the art of story-telling is getting lost in the din of social media and digital devices. Ali makes a point: "Too much of something makes the reverse rise. So if there's so much device-oriented communication, there's going to be that need of people to speak orally and communicate with each other as some sort of a therapy in order to relieve the tension and anguish caused by devices." He looks up at his bodyguard, tells him to relax and asks us to dig into the kebabs that have been neatly placed in front of us before resuming the conversation: "Having someone to talk to was not a big deal when I was growing up. But now, for a young guy it is a rarity, a luxury. It is easier to find someone to have sex with but more difficult to find someone to talk to. *Humzuban milna*

mushkil hai. (Someone who communicates and understands at the same level is difficult)." He gestures with his hand and it seems that the sounds emanating from the nearby stage too have paused to let that sink in.

He points out that oral storytelling was the oldest form of the art and even today, it is the most common. "When people narrate incidents, that is oral storytelling even though the listener doesn't know if it is fact or fiction and doesn't really care. Even when a husband and wife switch off the lights and talk about the day, that too is storytelling and fulfills a need which a device cannot. In Bangla, everyday talking is *katha*," says the director whose first film *Socha Na Tha* released in 2005.

Through his films, Ali has been known to tell stories that are layered but at their heart lies a simple tale which can find a resonance in everyone. "I am on a quest for a good story but simplicity, not necessarily. I think in a certain way, I have seen life in a certain way and, because I am not a very cinema-literate person, I have no option but to present it in a certain manner. If that becomes simple so be it," says Ali before asserting that he has to live with his films forever unlike the audience who might watch it once, twice or more. "This makes it imperative that the story should be engaging, meaningful and, in some way, transcending," he says and one can't help but nod in agreement, looking back at the journey of Ved from *Tamasha* or Geet from *Jab We Met*.

However, of all of Ali's films, it is *Rockstar* (2011), the unusual tale of singer Janardhan aka Jordan with its Sufi core, which is often discussed to the bone at festivals and conclaves. The series of coincidences that occurred during its making are so surreal that they trigger goosebumps. "*Jab We Met* (2007), *Love Aaj Kal* (2009) and *Socha Na Tha* had tight scripts with cause and effect. But *Rockstar* was a loose cannon and things were moving with a certain emotion that had to be experienced in one scene in order for the next scene to happen. While shooting the first bit of *Naadan Parindey*, where Jordan is arrested by the police at the hospital and he goes wild, all that I had in mind was the sound of the drums composed by AR Rahman sir. A friend from Australia sent me poetry by Rumi which said, 'the hunting falcon hears the sound of the drums, come home, come

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home. This turning towards what you love truly saves you. I didn't understand it on the day but later it became the premise of *Naadan Parindey*. In the realistic realm of the world, coincidences do happen," he says.

But that was not the end. It seemed that the 13th century poet was trying to insert himself in the film by being omnipresent. "We were nearing the end and another quote 'Out beyond the ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing there is a field and I will meet you there,' was sent to me by another friend. It was at this moment that I realised that whoever this guy Rumi was, he knew more about the film than I did," he says as the air around us is lulled into quiet as if paying its respect to the words of wisdom spoken long back and in a distant land. This, as we know, became the opening quotation with which Ali started the film.

Just like the Ranbir Kapoor-starrer, he believes that stories have a way of finding their tellers. "I didn't have information or the knowledge to tell these stories. Stories have a way of finding me as I am sitting in front of a computer in a surrender mode. The best that I can do is not get in the way or impose my own ideas upon them," he says.

Writing is often considered a lonely affair and Ali has written all the films that he has directed till date. "I don't enjoy writing. I write the first draft feverishly. But then there is rewriting, fine tuning and outside influences like a Rumi quote till it is finalised. Filming is the next chapter of writing when there are hundreds of people on the set and issues like permissions not having come through, or fading light and more. You tell the story in the most concrete fashion at this time because it is recorded on the camera. It doesn't matter what you have written before," he says.

Ali says that a film usually starts when a writer imagines a scene or a character. "You imagine a girl missing a train and talking rudely to the station master but this imagination is incomplete," he says as murmurs of Geet and *Jab We Met* go round the audience. "When an actor walks in flesh and blood and says it, that is when it becomes real. So, the interaction between the actor and director is a two-way street to tell the story effectively," adds Ali.

However, the Jamshedpur boy prefers not to become a character in his films and says, "Sometimes when I am making a movie, I start to behave like some characters subconsciously and I have to stop myself because that is not sustainable in the reality of my world. These often predate the film when they simply existed in my head." However, he does admit that he

enjoys when Jordan peeks out from his persona, "I believe I am not at all like him. He is stupid and I am intelligent. He can sing really well like Mohit Chauhan and I can't sing at all. In his stupidity and naivety, there is a truth and lack of cunning. His ignorance is a path to a higher truth which I admire. When I am like that, I push my boundaries which I would have ignored if I was being myself," he says.

Though Ali doesn't want to be Ved or Jai (Saif in *Love Aaj Kal*) as the latter is so flummoxed by different thoughts that he can barely complete a sentence, this is a character that he sees often in himself and people around him. "I start a sentence and realise that it's redundant and jump onto something else confusing the hell out of everybody," he says.

However, there is a consistency in his films like the use of journey as a metaphor for life. "Journeys are important to me because they change the perspective. If you are at a new place, you feel new. The things you feel or experience are dramatically new as well. That is entertaining in life as well as movies," he says.

Linked to the journey is also the element of the protagonists being a seeker in his films. Does Ali relate to the fact that the so-called millennials are more often found to be engaging in the quest for spirituality than the generations past? "There is so much invigoration in their brain that the absence of substance really hits them hard. They feel a little hollow. All of us would, if our lives centered around imaginary friends. If we are more device-oriented than human interaction oriented. They feel the sense of abyss and they seek a meaning. So they are seekers and drawn to spirituality," he says nodding sagely.

When a person from the audience asks, the way to tell stories, Ali replies, "If there was only one answer to how, that would have been the end of pursuit in life. You are fortunately condemned to a life where you will constantly try to find it."

A Hindu College alumnus, Ali loves to shoot in the capital as the old, the very old, the modern and the uber modern coexist. "It is unbelievable that we are sitting over here and just close by is Humayun's tomb, Hazrat Nizamuddin *dargah*, a flyover, The Oberoi hotel and a metro station. When you see a frame in Delhi, you find various layers. I really feel proud that there is the presence of old heritage and culture along with the new. This is visually represented in every frame," he says.

Since it is a storytelling festival, Ali decides to narrate one and asks the audience to huddle up close which they promptly do. He requests them to switch off their phones and not record it for there are a few tales which must remain a secret within the hearts of the stones, monuments and a few mortals that are present.

Photo: Md Meharban

Choose your tribe

The IFW finale saw four designers put together free-flowing ideas

Though rooted in ancient times, the idea of a tribe has been finding an echo in recent times. Models essayed this concept walking down the levelled-up digital runway designed especially for the grand finale of FDCI's Lotus Make-up India Fashion Week Spring/Summer 2020.

Designers Anamika Khanna, Rajesh Pratap Singh, Wendell Rodricks and Manish Arora showcased their collections in line of 'My Fashion, My Tribe'.

Khanna opened the show with her collection to a cheering crowd that included actor Sonam Kapoor Ahuja, wearing a white sari with a colourful cut-work border, paired with a multi-colour shrug. Her collection comprised contemporary clothing like *dhoti* drapes, dresses and skirts in various colours — black, red, yellow and white. She used digital prints, a lot of feathers and patchwork to give her designs a cool, relaxed and summery look.

The second line-up by Singh opened with a live contemporary dance by four dancers which emerged from each corner of the runway. His all-white designs had huge polka dots and stripes in neon yellow, green and pink. Relaxed silhouettes of dresses, pant suits, jackets and body suits were accessorised with over-the-top headgears and chunky white shoes with neon polka dots.

Rodricks' collection paid an ode to the island tribes and models sashayed on *Wakanda*, wearing free-falling silhouettes of skirts, capes, bralettes, skirts in mostly white and with a dash of sky blue, silver and grey. The highlight were eye-catching headgears.

Anamika Khanna



Wendell Rodricks



Manish Arora



Rajesh Pratap Singh

Models' faces were painted white giving them a sea goddess look.

Known for his psychedelic colour palette, Arora showcased the last collection. He displayed his love for kitsch motifs with colourful shimmer dresses, jackets, skirts, gowns, blouses, skirts and trousers made the line-up. The ramp was set ablaze with quirky prints in multi colour, big bows on collars and waist of the outfits, accessories on the wrist, models with high pencil pony tails, exaggerated eyelashes and shiny high-heels with big bows. It ended on a high note with actor Kangana



Ranaut taking to the ramp. The actor decided not to don any designer's outfit as it was difficult to select one. "My stylist told me to go with something simple and here I am wearing a white shirt and black tulle skirt, accessorised with multiple silver *kundan* necklaces," she said and added that fashion is a way of life for her. "To enhance yourself is not a favour that you do to the world. Today, fashion weeks have set such high standards that we have models from all walks of life — from acid attack survivors, transgenders to people who are not zero size. Fashion is for everyone," the actor said.

Her minimalistic make-up and centre-parted hair neatly tied at the back complemented the perfect look.

Photo: Pankaj Kumar

He has a long powder-white hair, tired, blood-flecked eyes, a full white beard, bushy eyebrows and wrinkled blue-veined skin. One can notice his unsteady walk and faded smile with two weak teeth and feeble voice as he holds a cigarette between his crooked fingers and says, "I will just have a smoke and come back." Meanwhile, I sit there on a rusted bench amid the trees and chirping birds wondering what this unusual style of interview has in store for me.

Uncle Larry Walsh, a local Aboriginal cultural leader, is one of the first indigenous storytellers at the Kathakar Storytelling festival. Inspired by his local community and Kulin ancestral blood connections, he is one of the only seniors in Melbourne who focusses on storytelling, ensuring the cultural continuity of his ancient oral traditions.

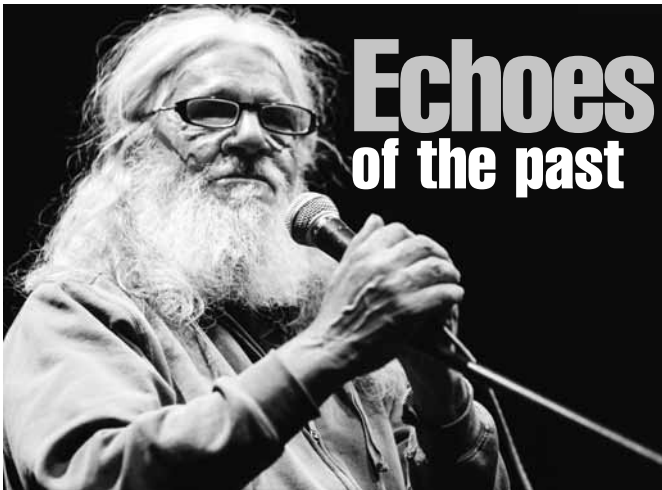
While performing 60,000-year-old stories honouring the oral traditions of the Kulin Nations Dreamtime (South Eastern Australia), Walsh presents them through a contemporary lens, illustrating the timeless quality and relevance of these ideas and knowledge to modern day life. Through his stories he wishes to display that Aboriginal people are connected to the modern world as intimately as they are connected to their past.

Talking about the festival, he says, "I hadn't seen Indian storytellers performing before. It was great listening to them. Though I don't know Hindi but the voice modulations, the comic timing and the reaction of the audience helped me understand the essence of the stories. We shared our puppetry too." He adds that he was surprised by a woman who was telling stories in Hindi and English as well. As there was no language barrier, everyone in the hall, including him, understood her.

Storytelling is an art where the narration has to be in a way that the listeners feel connected. They should be able to picture the incidents while being transported to a different world altogether. Walsh says, "It is a tough but powerful medium of connecting with people. Everyone has stories to tell but not everyone has the right way or art of doing it. For me, it is more about having a rhythm. So, I judge a storyteller on this basis."

The 65-year old storyteller was not allowed to share all the stories he wanted to. He could only share the stories from the areas that he

Storytellers UNCLE LARRY WALSH and RON MURRAY tell SAKSHI SHARMA that Aboriginal people are connected to the modern world as intimately as they are to their roots



Echoes of the past

had permission. He shares that even in ancient times, nobody was allowed to openly discuss Aboriginal tales. "My grandmother narrated some to her children. While doing so, she made sure that no one noticed this because she wasn't allowed. Later, my uncle told me some that he remembered. When I travelled with him to the hilly areas, he told me stories of each area that we passed by. This helped to build a memory bank."

Every narrator has a reason why they had come into this profession and stayed. Even Walsh has one. He says, "I loved talking about history and ancient things. So, one day while I was talking about it, my aunt said, 'when you share your views and knowledge about any subject, it seems as if you are telling a story which one wants to hear more.' He grins, pauses and adds, "I took that comment so seriously that even after 25 years, I am still telling stories."

Walsh feels that because he was always interested in reviving the ancient traditions, he was seen as someone who would take it to the future generations. This made everyone share stories with him. Along with this, he also helped communities. So when it was anything around revival, he was asked to join in.

One can clearly see the lines of experience on his forehead. He has witnessed the technology and digital era taking over the world because of which the content and

storytelling have changed. And because of this, the essence of storytelling is getting diluted. Walsh agrees: "Earlier we used to tell stories in many folds. Each had many context which were important to the narration. But that is not the case now."

It's important to revive stories to keep them alive else the youth won't be aware of their rich history. "We also describe the natural calamities that had occurred thousands of years ago and their aftermath. It is important for people to know this so that they are always prepared for them. They also need to know what and how their people have faced disasters," he says.

Walsh particularly loves working with the younger generation as he sees them as the torch-bearers of the society. But it is important for the youth to be interested in the oral traditions. He says, "It gives a sense of pride to them that they know a story which is 20,000 or 60,000 year old. It also helps them to learn important places that are relevant to their history and culture."

However, the audience wonders about the relevance of Aboriginal tales in India. "Many Indian stories, for instance the one about a magician, were similar to our tales. Even your stories describe the forgotten history of India. So, this helped us exchange ideas and learn from each other. Now, I want to call some Indian storytellers to Australia as they were so good that they prompted me to exclaim in disbelief," he



adds. Another storyteller, Ron is a cultural educator, musician, Didgeridoo maker and a wood sculptor. He is known for performing with Didgeridoo, which is made out of a hollow, native tree called Maali. It is one of the oldest musical instruments in the world which he says dates back to over 25,000 years. The instrument, incidentally burst into the collective Indian consciousness with *Dil Chahta Hai* (2001) and its popular duet *Jaane Kyun*.

He mimics the sound of the Kookaburra or the engine of a car. The traditional instrument lends his stories a lilting touch which, he says, enthralled the crowd. As I ask him a Aboriginal tale, he immediately runs towards a tree where his Didgeridoo is lying and returns with it. He then plays the instrument and shares how his people formed circles around rocks and danced with the instrument.

Ron also performs around the fire. When I ask him about it, he says, "Fire is a very important subject. For me, it's related to ghosts and spirits. In ancient times, when there were no matchsticks and people lived in forests, they rubbed stones to create friction and generated fire. A spark in the fire made people believe that the spirit of the forest was listening to the stories."

A spark of love for stories from ancient times has certainly been lit and people will keep coming back for more.

A HISTORIAN'S TAKE

While writing a book on the East India Company, WILLIAM DALRYMPLE shot historical milestones and monuments on his cellphone, the striking black and white images conveying the immediacy and lack of pretension. By UMA NAIR

William Dalrymple's trail of his new book — the journey of the East India Company as it steadily laid claim to the Indian subcontinent — brought him up, close to all historical strongholds of major dynasties of the day. So he chose to photograph them on his Samsung Edge. Forty of the striking black and white images feature in the exhibition, *The Historian's Eye*, at Vadehra Contemporary studio. They convey the immediacy and lack of pretension that a cellphone offers in recording the world around us. For trigger-happy cellphone photographers all over the world, Dalrymple has said: "Photography should always be about the eye, not the equipment."

The grainy, haunting images depict places in Delhi as well as the East India Company's headquarters in Calcutta, the capital of the nawabs of Bengal in Murshidabad, Tipu Sultan's base

of Srirangapatnam and a few places in Pakistan.

Dalrymple's book is about small and larger truths, about exploitation and diatribes but his photographs at Vadehra are the stuff of nostalgia. In his photo book, published by Harper Collins, he writes, "I have travelled from the Red Fort and Jama Masjid of Delhi to the Company's headquarters in Calcutta," "...from the capital of the nawabs of Bengal in Murshidabad to as far south as Tipu Sultan's base of Srirangapatnam, a fortified island in the Cauvery river between Mysore and Bangalore."

The political dynamics at the time were tense, rife with family feuds and exiled rulers, Marathas and Mughals in a state of constant conflict, and all the while the shadow of the Company looming steadily larger.

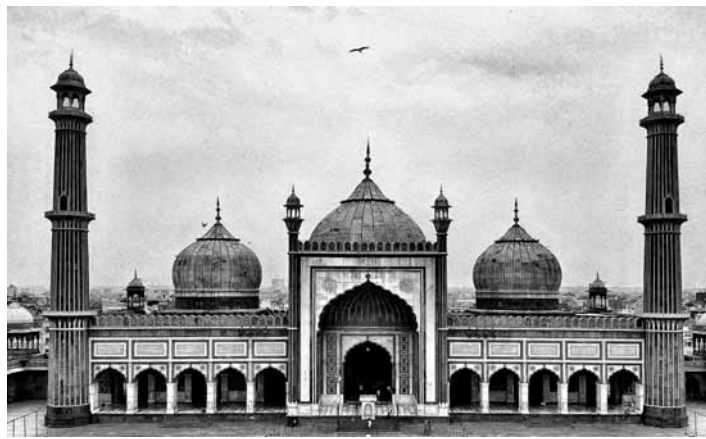
His travels to various historical sites become his subject. "I certainly find that when I'm writing, my view of an event is almost always completely changed by visiting the site," he explains. "Obviously, everything has changed in 250 years and,



what you see when you go somewhere today is not what Shah Alam saw in the early 1800s. For example, the Red Fort today is completely different; nonetheless, if you've never been to the Red Fort, you can't possibly imagine what his life had been like."

The blacks and whites have about them a surreal stillness. While each image has something to ponder, it is the Delhi series that grabs you by the eyeballs because it is steeped in the beauty of solitude. Jama Masjid is a panoramic flat linear image that distills the tide of time. Jantar Mantar has its geometric gravitas while Rajon ki baoli, Mehrauli, has an aura of antiquity. Among narratives that capture evocative experiences is *Monsoon afternoon at Safdarjung Tomb*.

Dalrymple surfaces as a concerned historian and pho-



tographer. While he photographs all these places, we can sense a certain brand of sensitivity. "The Mughal empire, which had been one super-centralised, hyper-organised empire, suddenly fragmented overnight — like a mirror dropped from a first-floor window," said Dalrymple about his work in an exclusive interview.

His images give an hour-glass definition to an area of photography that has a specific point of view. These images talk to us through the tapestry of faith and the veil of history. It unravels

Dalrymple as a photographer who is also a

committed humanist. Unlike a number of run-of-the-mill photojournalists as well as mundane, pedestrian documentary photographers, Dalrymple comes through as an observer who is far from neutral. Rather he comes through as a passionate historian who has a human pulse and a viewpoint about exploitation, atrocities and colonial hangovers. He is a champion of the narrative with an eye on integrity.

In more ways than one, you remember the words of the last Mughal, Bahadur Shah Zafar, just before his death: "Delhi was once a paradise/ Where Love held sway and reigned/ But its charm lies ravished now/ And only ruins remain."

The saxophone goes silent

An innovator, who put the instrument on the map of Carnatic music, KADRI GOPALNATH will be sorely missed by thousands of music lovers worldwide, says VEEJAY SAI

Last Friday, the world woke up to the news of the sudden demise of Carnatic saxophone maestro Kadri Gopalnath (1949-2019). He was 69, unexpected because he was in great health and has been regularly performing across venues. With his passing, the world of Indian classical music lost a pioneer and an innovator.

Gopalnath was born at Sajeepa Mooda in the Dakshina Kannada Taluk of Bantwal on December 6, 1949. He was the third among nine children of Nagaswaram artiste Taniyappa and Thangamma, a homemaker. He learnt to play the Nagaswaram and clarinet at an early age. It was during some Dussehra celebrations in Mysore that he heard the palace band. The saxophone highly attracted the eight-year-old. He began training in it under Gopalakrishna Iyer in Mangalore and later from Balakrishna Pillai in Kumbakonam. A priest heard him and invited him to perform during a puja in the Kadri temple, which was his official debut. He was only 15.



Growing up in a poor family was not easy for the budding musician. He even rolled *beedis* to earn some money. He went for various auditions at the AIR and was selected in the 'B High' category. After making a debut at the All-India Radio in 1978, there was no looking back. The Bombay Jazz Festival 1980 saw him as an instant hit when he performed with John Handy.

Later, he also went to train with Mridangam maestro and singer Sangita Kalanidhi T V Gopalakrishnan. Fondly addressed as "TVG," he was already a guru to stalwarts like film music director Ilaiyaraaja and several others. TVG taught

him further innovations on the instrument.

While the Nagaswaram has been integral to Carnatic instrumental music from ancient times, being played at temples and other festival ceremonies, the other instruments were fairly alien to the genre. The Mysore Palace was famous for kings who were great patrons of art and music. The palace had its own band, one which inspired Gopalnath. Though initially he performed on the existing saxophones, he eventually worked closely with a company in Hyderabad and engineered his own instrument to adapt it to Carnatic music.

Gopalnath's innovation on

the instrument was unique and original. Until then, nobody had dared to even try playing the complicated Carnatic music notes on it. There were already several artistes playing the clarinet. But the saxophone was unexplored. Well, it was a devil that needed to be tamed. And Gopalnath did it.

Initially, he also faced a lot of opposition from the conservative establishment that patronised the genre. However, eventually, it was through his own music that he was able to convince them that it was possible to have a Carnatic saxophone. Soon some of the biggest institutions invited him to perform — the prestigious Music Academy of Madras, Narada Gana Sabha, Krishna Gana Sabha and so forth. He had proved that the most complex of Carnatic pieces could be performed perfectly on a modern Western instrument. In one of his many concerts, the famous film director K Balachander and young music director A R Rahman were present. They invited him to perform for their films.

Gopalnath's music was hence heard in the famous song *Anjali Anjali Pushpanjali* in the film *Duet* (1994), starring Prabhu. The song was an astounding success and numerous offers followed post that. However, going by what music critic Subbudu had said, Gopalnath refused all film offers and stuck to performing only Carnatic music.

Gopalnath was invited regularly to perform at classical music festivals across the world, be it the Berlin Jazz Festival, International Cervantino

Festival in Mexico, the Music Hall Festival in Paris, USA, Canada, and so on. He was the first Carnatic musician to be invited to perform at the BBC promenade concert at the Royal Albert Hall in London in 1994. His name eventually became synonymous with the Carnatic saxophone much like Mandolin was associated with the prodigy stalwart U Shrinivas.

He was the *Asthana Vidwan* of prominent religious institutions like the Sringeri Sharada Peetham, Ahobila Mutt and Pillayarpatthi temple. He recorded several noteworthy albums, some of which are *East-West* and *Southern Brothers* with American jazz and classical flautist James Newton. The 2008 album with American composer Rudresh Mahanthappa *Kinsmen* is his another notable album. He was also popular for his music *jugalbandis*. From pianist Adnan Sami to Hindustani flautist Praveen Godkhindi, he never hesitated to perform even if the other artistes were far younger in age than him. He was called the "Saxophone Chakravathy."

Several awards and recognitions came his way for his immense contribution to music. In 2008, the album *Blue Rhizome*, by the New Quartet, featured a title *Gopalnath* composed by Karl Seigfried. Apart of this, he was also awarded the Tamil Nadu state award *Kalaimamani*, the Central Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2004), the Padma Shri (2004) and the Sangita Choodamani (2018).

One of Gopalnath's two sons, Manikanth Kadri, is a music composer.

Finding fresco

New wall art with gladiators discovered in Italy

Archaeologists excavating what may have been an ancient Roman drinking den, in the ruined city of Pompeii, they have unearthed a well-preserved wall painting of gladiators in action, complete with realistically gory wounds.

The three ft by 4.5ft fresco is located in the Regio V site, in the northern section of Pompeii's archaeological park, in an area not currently accessible to visitors. It was found on a wall beneath the stairwell of what was probably a tavern or a wine shop. "The fresco decorated a place used by gladiators, perhaps a watering hole also frequented by prostitutes," said Massimo Osanna, director general of the archaeological park. "Of particular interest in this fresco is the extremely realistic representation of the wounds," said Osanna, adding that the outcome of the fight is

unknown. The losing gladiator is holding up his finger to "implore for mercy," he noted. The gladiators' fresco is the latest finding in the Pompeii park, which has yielded dozens of impressive discoveries in the last two years. But the site in recent years has also received bad publicity due to decay and poor maintenance.

Italy's Culture Minister, Dario Franceschini, hailed the discovery recently, noting that "a few years ago Pompeii was known around the world for its negative image... Today's story is one of redemption."

Pompeii was a flourishing city destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius

in 79 AD Last October, the finding of a charcoal inscription suggested that the eruption happened in October 79 AD rather than August of the same year, as was previously believed.

Franceschini stressed that the fresco finding "really shows that Pompeii is an inexhaustible source of research and knowledge for the archaeologist of today and for the future."

As part of a multi-million project founded by the European Union, Pompeii is currently undergoing its most extensive excavations since the 1950s, with archaeologists removing tons of debris from long-buried areas of the city.

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WATCH OUT



Live Unbound, an art exhibition curated by Sugandha Chagti, is a contemporary art project showcasing the artists' true creativity and wholeness that make them who they are. **WHEN:** Till October 30 **TIME:** 11 am to 7 pm **WHERE:** Modern Art Gallery, Santushti Shopping Complex, Chanakyapuri.



Written by Danish Iqbal and directed by Mustajab Malik, Joker Theatre Group and BFTA presents *Daastan-e-Ram*, a play that recreates the *Ramayana* in Urdu. **WHEN:** October 16 **TIME:** 6 pm **WHERE:** Sri Ram Centre for Performing Arts.



Gallery Art Motif presents *Of Paper*, an exhibition featuring recent pieces by six artists who work with paper as the medium of their art. **WHEN:** Till November 2 **TIME:** 10 am to 6 pm **WHERE:** Gallery Art Motif.



Serendipity Arts Foundation, in collaboration with Foundation for Indian Contemporary Art, presents *Open Day*, which gives insight into how to view cities as an extended studio, mining various resources, individuals, and forming their own support structures. **WHEN:** Till October 20 **TIME:** 11 am to 6 pm (closed on Sunday) **WHERE:** C-340, Chetna Marg, Defence Colony.

Curated by Priyanka Banerjee, *Panorama-16* is a group art exhibition that delves deep into contemporary social issues like shrinking habitats of flora and fauna, global warming, spiritual harmony, feminism and more. **WHEN:** October 19 to 25 **TIME:** 11 am to 7 pm **WHERE:** Gallery 1, Lalit Kala Akademi.



SINGLES

DELHI BEAT PUNJAB BY 5 RUNS
VADODARA: Lalit Yadav led the lower middle-order fightback with an unbeaten half-century before spinners joined the party as Delhi managed to upstage Punjab by five runs in a group B match of the Vijay Hazare. Coming into bat at 115 for five, Yadav emerged as the top-scorer for Delhi with an unbeaten 53-ball 54 as he steered the team to a respectable 220 for 8 in their stipulated 50 overs. Chasing the total, Anmolpreet Singh (73) kept Punjab in the hunt but they failed to weave partnerships and eventually managed 215 for nine. Navdeep Saini rocked the top order before the spin trioka of Pawan Negi (2/40), Nitish Rana (2/34) and Lalit Yadav (2/22) produced regular breakthroughs to derail Punjab's chase.

PANCHAL SLAMS TON AGAINST J&K
JAIPUR: Opener Priyank Panchal starred with an unbeaten 135 (122 balls, 17 fours, 3 sixes) as Gujarat thrashed Jammu & Kashmir by eight wickets to notch up its eighth successive win in Group 'C' of the Vijay Hazare Trophy. The Parthiv Patel-led side overhauled J&K's score of 279 for 8 in the 38th over with the diminutive 'keeper making 63 while Bhargav Merai remained not out on 70 (56 balls, 6 fours, 1 six). Asked to bat by Gujarat, J&K rode on half-centuries by Abdul Samad (68, 53 balls, 7 sixes) and Shubham Khajuria (66, 64 balls, 6 fours, 3 sixes) and a knock of 49 by captain Parvez Rasool (49, 57 balls, 1 four, 1 six). For Gujarat, Rush Kalaria (2/34), C T Gaja (2/46) and A Nagwaswalla (2/74) took two wickets each.

VINAY, SAGAR SHINE FOR PUDUCHERRY
DEHRADUN: Veteran seamer R Vinay Kumar bagged a match-winning four-wicket haul as Puducherry thrashed Manipur by nine wickets to return to the top of the Plate Group table in the Vijay Hazare Trophy. Vinay Kumar (4/21) rattled the top-order in a triple burst to reduce Manipur to 19/4 in 7.1 overs but skipper Priyjit Singh provided some resistance with an unbeaten 44. Singh, however, lacked support at the other end as they were bundled out for 109 in 30.1 overs with left-arm spinner Sagar Udeshi returning with three for 26. In reply, opener Arun Karthik steered the team home, slamming an unbeaten 67 from 43 balls with six fours and four sixes as Puducherry sealed the issue in 16.1 overs."

FOUAAD WINS GOLD AT OLY QUALIFIERS
BENGALURU: India's double Asian Games Silver medalist Fouaad Mirza bagged the top honours at the CCI3*S, an Olympic qualifying event, held in Strzegom, Poland. Fouaad is currently the highest ranked individual in Group G for Asia Pacific Zone with 34 points on one horse Fernhill Facetime, 30 points on the second horse Touchingwood and at present qualifying his third horse, Dajara. "I am very excited about our new horse Dajara, which has immense potential for success at the Olympics. Through the event CCI3*S, we were able to level up the horse rider combination to 4" and building up my points to qualify for the Olympics," Fouaad said on Sunday. Fouaad started the week with a solid dressage score of 26.8 which placed him second with a very close score to Germany's Antonia Baumgart, who was one penalty better at 25.8.

GAUFF CLIMBS TO 71 IN WTA RANKINGS
PARIS: American prodigy Coco Gauff continued her rise up the ranks of women's tennis on Monday when the WTA rankings showed a climb of 39 places to number 71 in the world. Gauff started last week in Linz at 110 and was originally set for an early departure from Austria after losing in the qualifying rounds before grabbing a lifeline as a lucky loser. She went on to beat 2017 Roland Garros winner Jelena Ostapenko in the final for her maiden title. It marks a meteoric rise for the young American — at the end of 2018, she was 686 in the world. Another good performance in Luxembourg this week could see her knocking on the door of the top 50. There was no movement in the top 20 with Ashleigh Barty retaining the number one spot for another week. AGENCIES



'MS still playing incredibly well'

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Former Australia cricketer and Chennai Super Kings all-rounder Shane Watson on Monday said it is up to the legendary Mahendra Singh Dhoni to take a call on his retirement though "he is still playing incredibly well".

"He has still got the skill. But it is down to him to decide. He still moves incredibly well, runs hard between the wickets and has beautiful hands. Whatever he does, it will be the right thing because he knows what lies ahead," Watson told reporters.

The burly Aussie all-rounder also praised Virat Kohli's captaincy and said he has done a great job with the Indian team.

"He (Kohli) has done a great job

Sindhu out to break title duck

PTI ■ ODENSE

World Champion P V Sindhu will look to shake off her indifferent form and regain touch when she competes at the \$775,000 Denmark Open from today.

After claiming the World title in August, Sindhu endured surprise first and second round exits at the China Open and Korea Open last month, respectively.

World number six Sindhu, who has not won a title in the BWF World Tour this season, will take on Indonesia's Gregoria Mariska Tunjung in the first round of the World Tour Super 750 tournament.

Sindhu enjoys a 5-0 head-to-head record against the world number 16. World No 8 Saina Nehwal, on the other hand, has been going through a tough phase with fitness issues hindering her progress since claiming the Indonesia Masters in January.

The London Olympic Bronze medalist, who was diagnosed with agastroenteritis problem in March, made first-round exits at China and Korea and she aim to get deep into the draw.

A finalist at the last edition, Saina, seeded 8th, is up against World No 12 from Japan Sayaka Takahashi, who had defeated the Indian the last time they meet at the



PV Sindhu in action during BWF World Championship final match against Nozomi Okuhara

PTI/File Picture

Thailand Open in August.

Former champion Kidambi Srikanth, who had skipped the events in China and Korea due to a knee issue, too will be eager to make a positive start but he will have to get past Denmark's Anders Antonsen in the opening round.

While Srikanth had beaten

Antonsen at the 2017 World Championships, the Danish shuttler has come a long way since then, having reached the finals of the World Championships at Switzerland.

Currently ranked fourth, Antonsen has won the Indonesia Masters, Barcelona Spain Masters, European Games and made it to the

finals at Indonesia Open Super 1000 this year.

World Championships Bronze medalist B Sai Praneeth will be up against the legendary Lin Dan, who had entered the finals at Thailand Masters in January and won the Malaysia Open in April but have looked off-colour since then.



Hamilton in no hurry to win title

AFF ■ MEXICO CITY

Lewis Hamilton said he is in no hurry to win a sixth world championship after the title battle was reduced to a two-horse Mercedes race at the Japanese Grand Prix.

The Formula One circus moves on to Mexico in two weeks' time where Hamilton, enjoying a 64-point lead over Valtteri Bottas, can wrap up a third consecutive drivers' crown if he outscores his teammate by 14 points or more.

More likely is that the battle will be concluded at the subsequent race at the Grand Prix of the Americas in Austin, Texas.

Bottas' victory at Suzuka and Hamilton's third place clinched a sixth consecutive constructors' championship for Mercedes and left the Finn as the only driver who can catch Hamilton over the final four races of the campaign.

"I think for me it's never been a case of always wanting to rush things," Hamilton told reporters adding that he expected a tough battle from his teammate over the final few races.

"Valtteri's driven well all year long, he's done a great job today and he will most likely do a very, very solid job these next races, so we still have a battle, the fight continues," he added.



Spin web

Spinners help India complete 3-0 whitewash

PTI ■ VADODARA

Spinners helped India pull off a thrilling six-run win over South Africa in a low-scoring third women's ODI and complete a 3-0 series white-wash here on Monday.

India were able to defend a modest 146 by bowling out South Africa for 140 in 48 overs.

Spinners Ekta Bisht (3/32 in 10 overs), Deepti Sharma (2/24 in 10) and Rajeshwari Gayakwad (2/22 in 10) were the architect of the win that reaffirmed India's supremacy over South Africa, who also lost the preceding six-game T20 series.

It seemed South Africa would get their first win of the series when they bundled out India in 45.5 overs but another disappointing batting performance denied them the opportunity.

India made a disastrous start after winning the toss, losing openers Priya Punia and Jemimah Rodrigues in the second over.

With the hosts reeling at 55 for five, T20 skipper Harmanpreet Singh steadied the innings with a 76-ball 38 with the other valuable contribution coming from Shikha Pandey (35 off 40).

Most of the batters, including captain Mithali Raj (11 off 46), failed

to shift gears after getting settled, resulting in India posting a below-par total.

In the end, even that proved to be enough against South Africa who were on course for a comfortable win at 103 for five in the 30th over.

However, India fought back through their spinners and even part timers Harmanpreet and Rodrigues did their bit.

Rodrigues took the final wicket of the game to spark celebrations. It was also her first scalp in international cricket.

Virat closes in on Smith

PTI ■ DUBAI

Virat Kohli reached within one point of top-ranked Steve Smith in the Test batsmen rankings after the India skipper scored an unbeaten 254 in the second Test against South Africa.

Opener Mayank Agarwal also rose in the rankings, breaking into the top 20. His innings of 108 in the second Test against South Africa helped him progress eight places to reach the 17th position.

Cheteshwar Pujara and Ajinkya Rahane, at



fourth and ninth places respectively, are the other two Indian batsmen in the top 10.

Ravichandran Ashwin also jumped three spots to number seven while Bumrah continued to remain third in the bowlers' rankings.

Among the all-rounders, Ravindra Jadeja is at number two behind West Indies skipper Jason Holder while Ashwin occupies the fifth place.

Kohli, who had dropped below 900 points after the first Test for the first time since January 2018, reached 936, a point less than his career-best rating achieved in August 2018.

ICC tweaks super over rule

PTI ■ DUBAI

The International Cricket Council on Monday tweaked the super over rule for all its major events following the uproar over the outcome of the men's World Cup final in July when England were declared winners against New Zealand on boundary count.

New Zealand and England had headed into the super over after scores in the World Cup final were tied at

241. Once the super over also ended in a tie with both teams making 15, the winner was decided on account of superior boundary count.

Following that nerve-wracking final, the ICC faced the wrath of fans and former players over the controversial rule.

Now it has finally made changes to the rule and in case a situation arise where both teams are tied even after the super over in a final or semifinal, the super over will be repeated until

there is a clear winner.

"Following on from a recommendation from the ICC Cricket Committee, the Chief Executives' Committee agreed that use of the Super Over as a way to decide results at ICC events will be retained. Both the Cricket Committee and CEC agreed it was an exciting and engaging conclusion to the game and will remain in place covering all games at both ODI and T20I World Cups," the ICC said after its board meeting here.

ICC readmits Zim & Nepal as members

PTI ■ DUBAI

The ICC on Monday decided to readmit Zimbabwe and Nepal as its members following the conclusion of the Board meetings here.

Zimbabwe and Nepal were suspended in July this year following government interference in the running of the Board.

Zimbabwe will now be able to take up their place in the ICC Men's U-19 World Cup in January and the ICC Super League later in 2020.

Nepal has also been reinstated on a conditional basis following their 2016 suspension for breach of the ICC regulations which prohibit government interference and require free and fair elections.

Ashwin to stay at KXIP

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Kings XI Punjab co-owner Ness Wadia on Monday said the franchise decided not to trade Ravichandran Ashwin with the Delhi Capitals following a "rethink" by the Board.

It has been learnt that the newly-appointed head coach Anil Kumble was also keen to retain Ashwin, who captained the side in the previous two editions.

"The (KXIP) Board had a rethink and it realised that Ashwin is an integral part of the team. There were discus-

sions with Delhi Capitals but those discussions never came to fruition.

The way he plays his cricket and his per-

formances speak for him," Wadia said.

Under Ashwin's leadership, KXIP showed a lot of promise in the first half of the past two seasons before losing momentum in the second half. They finished seventh in 2018 and sixth in 2019.

K X I P reached the semifinals in the inaugural IPL edition before making the play-offs just once in 2014 when they finished runners-up. Now with Kumble on board, the franchise is aiming to end its title drought.



Federer to play in Tokyo Olympics

AFF ■ PARIS



Roger Federer announced Monday he will compete at next year's Tokyo Olympics in a bid to claim the men's singles Gold medal, the only major prize he has yet to win.

"I've been debating with my team for a few weeks now, months actually, what I should do in the summer time (of 2020) after Wimbledon and before the US Open," he said at a promotional event.

"At the end of the day my heart decided to play the Olympic Games again."

Federer has won all four of the Grand Slam tournaments, as well as the ATP Tour Finals six times, but is still waiting to grab Olympic singles Gold.

The 20-time Grand Slam champion did win a doubles Gold alongside fellow Swiss Stan Wawrinka at Beijing in 2008, but when he got to the

twice won the Australian Open and took the 2017 Wimbledon title before losing an epic final in the grass-court Grand Slam to Novak Djokovic earlier this year.

Serbia's Djokovic, and Federer's eternal rival Rafael Nadal, have both already said they will compete at Tokyo, the trio setting the scene for a highly competitive tournament.

The two-time defending Olympic champion and three-time Grand Slam winner Murray, coming back from his January hip surgery, is yet to announce his intentions for Tokyo.



Gauff salutes Roger's words of wisdom

AFF ■ LINZ

Coco Gauff hailed Roger Federer for his words of wisdom as the 15-year-old US prodigy on Sunday became the youngest champion on the WTA Tour since 2004.

Gauff defeated 2017 Roland Garros winner Jelena Ostapenko 6-3, 1-6, 6-2 in the Linz final for her maiden title.

The teenager is managed by Federer's Team8 and even shares an Italian pasta sponsor with the 20-time major winner.

On Sunday, she revealed that a pep-talk by the Swiss superstar, after she suffered a heartbreaking defeat in the first round of the 2018 Australian Open junior event, has helped her on a path which this year saw her reach the last 16 at Wimbledon and US Open third round.

"He did give me some advice at the Australian Open in 2018 when I lost in the first round (after being amongst the favourites)," Gauff recalled.

"He told me not to focus too much on the pressure or the outside drama. He gave me some perspective.

"Now, I try to enjoy the tennis and I barely think of that first-round loss two years later."

Gauff, meanwhile, confirmed she is "100 percent" ready to play at this week's Luxembourg WTA event where she will enjoy a career-high ranking inside the top 70.

She started the week in Linz at 110 in the world and was originally set for an early departure from Austria after losing in

the qualifying rounds before grabbing a lifeline as a lucky loser.

"For sure, I'm 100 percent playing in Luxembourg," said Gauff whose rise has been meteoric — at the end of 2018, she was 686 in the world.

"I'm excited, it will be my last event for the year. I'm playing doubles there also (with regular partner Caty McNally).

"This is the opportunity to see how I perform at back-to-back tournaments."

Gauff's career timetable has suddenly shifted into overdrive, with her breakthrough WTA trophy coming much more quickly than might have been expected.

"My goal was the top 100 and to get into the main draw of at least one Grand Slam," said the player, who has now earned a main draw spot for January's Australian Open.

"I've accomplished all of those goals this year, now I need to work on improving my game.

"I've gone through what was supposed to be my timeline for the next two years. It's been crazy."

"I didn't expect to be on the Tour in general right now," the 2018 French Open junior champion said.

Gauff, coached by her father, said she expects to start gaining confidence as she gets more accustomed to the WTA circuit. "I'm new to the Tour and I've not faced a lot of the players. I'm sure the more matches I play the more confident I'll get, along with the more experience I'll have."



Indian team led by captain Sunil Chhetri trains at Salt Lake stadium in Kolkata on Sunday ahead of FIFA World Cup qualifiers match against Bangladesh today

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Buoyed by their gallant goal-less draw against Asian champions Qatar, India would be looking to register their first win in the FIFA World Cup qualifiers when they take on Bangladesh in a group E second round match at the Saltlake Stadium, here today.

India put a gritty performance against an attacking Qatar, to hold the reigning Asian champions to a goalless draw and earn their first point of the qualifiers after suffering a heartbreaking loss in the opening match against Oman.

With the city set to host the senior national men's team after a gap of nine years, the euphoria around the match has been immense with a mad rush for tickets as the Saltlake Stadium is set to witness a packed house, giving the Igor Stimac-coached side a perfect stage to grab three points and keep their World Cup hopes alive.

The absence of defender, Sandesh Jhingan due to an ACL tear on his left knee is a big blow to the hosts. But the return of talismanic captain Sunil Chhetri after missing the last game will lift the team's spirit.

In his last appearance, Chhetri scored his 72nd international goal, the second most among active players, as India put up a dominating first-half display only to go down 1-2 after conceding late goals in their World Cup qualifier against Oman in Guwahati.

Goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu took the charge in Chhetri's absence and thwarted a barrage of attacks from Qatar, making 11 saves in a heroic display to snatch a point from the 2022 World Cup hosts.

While defence, tactical formation and discipline were the highlights of their match against Qatar, the focus against Bangladesh, who are ranked 83 places below India, would be on the strikers.

Chhetri will remain the go-to man in the attacking zone, but the onus will also be on the likes of Balwant Singh and Manvir Singh to make an impact.

The skipper will also have the

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support of his Bengaluru FC teammates Udanta Singh and Ashique Kuruniyan, while Mandar Rao Desai and Sahal Abdul Samad will be key in creating chances.

As for the back line, Stimac will be forced to rejig his central-defence with Anas Edathodika likely to pair up with Adil Khan in front of Sandhu.

Jhingan's injury gives Anas with a perfect opportunity to prove himself again, especially after returning from retirement.

India failed to keep up the intensity in the final minutes because of fitness concerns against Oman but Stimac addressed the issue against Qatar. And it will be interesting to see how the Blue Tigers cope up with the challenge against Bangladesh, who have eight under-23 players in their squad.

Bangladesh head to the match after two consecutive defeats. They lost narrowly to Afghanistan and in their last match before going down 0-2 to Qatar. But the Jamie Day-coached side has put up a strong fight and created many chances in the two games.

The Englishman may have conceded that India are firm favourites but Bangladesh will

"In this game, it's going to be a big test for the strikers. It's not the defence but the forward line will have to deliver."

—BHAICHUNG BHUTIA
(Former Indian captain)

"I told my players you might not get a chance to play again in front of such a crowd so make the most of it. I want them to be confident and play their natural game."

—JAMIE DAY
(Bangladesh coach)

"I wouldn't like any of you to underestimate Bangladesh. They have some very talented youngsters just like us. Don't make it worse and harder by underestimating them. Let's go into this game by being respectful to the Bangladeshi team."

—IGOR STIMAC
(Indian coach)

certainly look to make an impact with their forward duo of Nabib Newaz Ziban and Saad Uddin.

On paper, India enjoy a commanding 15-2 head-to-head record in 28 meetings but Bangladesh have managed to stay unbeaten in their last two fixtures (1-1 in SAFF Championships, 2013 and 2-2 in an International friendly, 2014).

There is no dependency on me: Chhetri

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Expectations are always high from India's record goalscorer Sunil Chhetri but ahead of Bangladesh game, the skipper said others players in the side are very much capable of outperforming him.

Having sat out of Qatar game, Chhetri will return to take charge of the team but he played down his presence in the side.

"It was never about me, it will be never about me. It's always about India versus Bangladesh. I'm just one of the 23 players. I definitely have been lucky to have a little bit more experience and that's about it. There's no dependency on me from my team mates. We are one and we are going to play like one," Chhetri said on the eve of group E fixture.

The Jamie Day-coached Bangladesh have made it clear that India will start as favourites with Chhetri being the main threat.

"I hope four people mark me. So me and four from the opposition are out and we are playing 10 versus six. I will be very happy then we will come to know about someone like Udanta (Singh), Ashique (Kuruniyan),



Sunil Chhetri trains with teammate ahead of World Cup qualifiers against Bangladesh

PTI (Abdul) Sahal, Manvir or Balwant"

"I will try to be as best that I can be. But if they want to mark,

then it's good because we have better players who are in better shape than me. You will see them tomorrow," the 35-year-old said.

Win against India will change B'desh football: Jamal

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Bangladesh captain Jamal Bhuyan on Monday said his team is relishing the challenge of producing an upset win against favourites India, something which will give a big boost to the sport in the cricket-crazy country.

"If we win something will change in Bangladesh football. India have big companies supporting the sport but we lack in investment. So it's a great opportunity to change that by showcasing what we have and attract big investments," he



Bhuyan said his team is ready to break the hearts of home fans in their World Cup group qualifier.

"No pressure on us, the pressure is on India as if they don't win the fans will be after them," he said.

"I am going to tell my boys to go there and give their best. But yes India are favourites. I am going to break the India hearts tomorrow," the Danish-born Bangladeshi captain said on the eve of the match.

Bhuyan, a defensive midfielder, said the contest will centre around the midfield.

"This a big game because we have a history between the two countries and all the players from both camps are eager to play this game. Whoever wins the midfield battle has the better chance to win the match," said the 29-year-old.

Bulls enter PKL semis

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Pawan Sehrawat did the star turn as defending champions Bengaluru Bulls outwitted UP Yoddha 48-45 in the first eliminator to qualify for the semi-finals of the Pro Kabaddi League season seven here on Monday.

Star raider Pawan secured 20 raid points as the Bulls fought their way back in front of a packed audience at the EKA Arena to set up a semifinal clash with Dabang Delhi.

The UP side dominated the early minutes of a fiercely-contested first-half as Bengaluru struggled to get a stranglehold.

UP had the advantage of momentum, with 23 All-Out in their last 11 matches (the best record in the league), and inflicted an All-Out on the Bulls in the 8th minute to open up a 7-point lead.

Nitesh produced stellar tackle in the first move after the All-Out to send Pawan once again to the dugout but the Bulls finally had success in the defence with a successful tackle on Surrender Gill with seven minutes remaining.

The tackle brought Pawan back on the mat and the High Flyer produced a stunning 3-point Super Raid to halt UP's dominance in the match.

Nitesh did produce a Super Tackle on Pawan with four minutes left to half time but the Bulls, buoyed by Rohit's presence on the mat, secured their first All-Out with a minute remaining for the break. The half ended 20-17 with UP on top.

Bulls dominated the starting minutes of the second half with Mahender Singh coming good in the defence.

With the defence scoring points the Bulls sniffer an All-Out and reduced the UP side to two on the mat.

But in Nitesh, UP had, arguably, the league's best defender, and the captain produced two Super Tackles (in the 10th and 11th minute of the half) on Pawan



Pawan Sehrawat in action during PKL match

PTI to keep his team in the match and pick up a High 5.

Bulls' Sumit and UP's Shrikant impressed with their raids as the match entered the final four minutes with UP leading by 8 points.

Pawan produced some important raids to clinch an All-Out with four points remaining. Bengaluru had a one point lead going into the final play of the match but Surrender made successful raid to level the points and push the point to extra time.

UP started the extra time on a high with a two-point raid by Rishank Devadiga that also sent Pawan to the bench but Sumit's raiding and a team tackle on UP's Shrikant meant at the half time in extra time there was only one point separating the sides.

Pawan produced a stunning 4-point raid to give the defending champions a three point lead but Monu Goyat immediately produced a 2-point raid to make it a one point.

But Pawan clinched an All-Out and that was enough to see the defending champions through to the semi-finals.

Poland, Russia reach Euro 2020

AFP ■ PARIS

Poland and Russia secured their places at Euro 2020 on Sunday with victories over North Macedonia and Cyprus respectively, while Germany and the Netherlands boosted their hopes of reaching the finals.

Russia eased to a 5-0 thrashing of 10-man Cyprus, with Poland joining them, Belgium and Italy in qualifying this week by seeing off North Macedonia 2-0.

Stanislav Cherchesov's Russia, only had to avoid defeat in Nicosia to follow Belgium in qualifying from Group I.

Valencia winger Denis Cheryshev fired in a ninth-minute opener for the visitors, before Magomed Ozdоеv made it two mid-way through the first half.

Striker Artem Dzyuba scored his third goal in two games in the 79th minute, before Aleksandr Golovin and Cheryshev's second completed the rout late on.

Russia will attempt to overtake Belgium, who beat Kazakhstan 2-0 earlier on Sunday, at the summit when they host the world's number one side on November 16.

Poland went into their game against North Macedonia knowing victory would punch their ticket for the Euros.

They were forced to be patient by the visitors, who could qualify through the playoffs after winning their Nations League group if they fail to do so automatically.

But Przemyslaw Frankowski prodded home less than 60 seconds after coming on as a substitute in the 74th minute, before Akardiusz Milik made the points safe.

Poland remain three points clear of Austria, who won 1-0 in Slovenia, at the top of Group G, with North Macedonia and Slovenia five points further adrift.

DUTCH SEE OFF BELARUS

Ronald Koeman's Netherlands remained at the top of Group C ahead of Germany on head-to-



Gareth Bale celebrates with Wales teammates after scoring equaliser against Croatia during Euro 2020 qualifiers

AP head record with a nervy 2-1 win over Belarus in Minsk.

The Dutch lead third-placed Northern Ireland by three points after beating Michael O'Neill's side 3-1 on Thursday.

Georginio Wijnaldum headed the away team in front in the 32nd minute, shortly after Denis Laptev had spurned a golden chance to give Belarus a shock lead.

The Liverpool midfielder doubled the advantage before the break with a wonderful 25-yard strike into the top corner, and although Stanislav Dragun gave Belarus hope early in the second half, the Netherlands held on with relative comfort.

Victory in Belfast over the Northern Irish next month would secure the Oranje a first appearance at a major tournament since finishing third at the 2014 World Cup.

Germany eased to a 3-0 victory in Estonia despite seeing Emre Can sent off in the 14th minute.

ISL to be India's top tier league

PTI ■ NEW DELHI



Indian Super League (ISL) will replace the I-League as the top-tier competition in the country after the stakeholders agreed to a proposal of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), ending the long-drawn and contentious restructuring process.

In a meeting at the AFC headquarters in Kuala Lumpur, the I-League and ISL clubs agreed on a roadmap presented by the AFC on domestic football structure reforms in India.

As per the roadmap, the ISL will be the top league in the country from this season itself while I-League will continue as second tier league.

The ISL, which begins in Kochi on October 20, will not have promotion and relegation till 2023-24 by which time the League would have completed 10 seasons.

From the 2024-25 season onwards, performance-based promotion and relegation will be implemented and there will not be two parallel leagues.

The ISL champions would now be entitled to a play-off place in the AFC Champions League, the top-tier club competition in Asia, while I-League champions would compete in the second tier AFC Cup "as a special compensation to India".

Another key recommendation by the AFC is to open a pathway for two I-League clubs' entry into the ISL by the end of the 2020-21 season, subject to the licensing criteria being fulfilled.

There has been speculation for some time that Mohun Bagan and East Bengal may join the ISL but no agreement could be reached as the two Kolkata giants wanted a waiver of the ₹15 crore participation fee.

The AFC statement is not clear on the participation fee issue but AIFF General Secretary Kushal Das said the two clubs will have to pay the fee.

"Whichever two clubs (open for inclusion in the ISL) will have to pay the participation fee. This is also according to FIFA recommendation," Das said.

In addition to this, the AFC proposal said starting with the 2022-23 season, the winner of I-League will stand a chance to be promoted to the ISL with no participation fee, subject to fulfilling sporting merit and the national club licensing criteria to be set out by the AIFF.

"Everyone has to put the good of Indian football at the forefront and take the best decisions to develop Indian club football. The AFC will be very much involved to ensure the growth of the game to the next level with the pathway to a single league," AFC General Secretary 'Dato' Windsor John said.

Former I-League champions Minerva Punjab owner Ranjit Bajaj, who had earlier vociferously opposed the AIFF's move to grant ISL the top league status, said he is happy that main concerns of the I-League clubs have been addressed.

"Four clubs are being promoted (to ISL) by four years and then promotion and relegation (in ISL) will start. I consider this as a victory even at the cost of losing the AFC Champions League spot," he said.

WALES HOLD UP CROATIA

Croatia were made to wait to qualify, as Gareth Bale's strike in first-half injury time proved enough to grab a 1-1 draw for Wales in Cardiff.

Nikola Vlasic fired a low ninth-minute shot in off the post to put Croatia on course for qualification, before Bale's fine goal secured Wales a point in a bad-tempered affair.

Last year's World Cup runners-up Croatia will qualify if they avoid defeat against Slovakia in their final match on November 16, while Euro 2016 semi-finalists Wales could join them with two closing wins, as long as Slovakia do not beat the Croatians.