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USUAL SUSPECTS

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Bapu's disrespect in UK is insult to India

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The tendency to judge history in terms of the standards of the present is very tempting. It avoids the more difficult business of trying to locate the past within an earlier context. Everything can be readily packaged in a contemporary garb on the assumption that the present constitutes the highest stage of human achievement. This is of course an unhistorical approach but it is also patently ridiculous. It is about as pathetically absurd as approaching a literary text of the past without any reference to the context in which it was written.

Tragically, this seems to have become a fashion in some campuses and among some academics. This was the logic behind

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

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

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

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

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It is time to stop this great onslaught of rubbish.

Safe zones set up for apple dealers in J&K

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

In the meantime, a positive development has come in the way of the security forces as intelligence flow about militants has improved in the last few days.

Explaining the significance of this factor, officials said since August 5, the local police and intelligence agencies were

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

concentrating on maintaining law and order anticipating unrest like mass protests and violence. Also the snapping of mobile services impacted intelligence gathering and information flow came down by at least 70 per cent, they said.

With the restoration of mobile services earlier this week and virtually no mass protests as feared, the local police, which provide the real time intelligence about terrorists, has now re-established its counter-terrorism grid.

BJP-Sena win certain, but rebels may play spoilsport

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

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

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

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

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



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

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

While the BJP and its allies

are contesting 164 seats, the Sena is contesting 124 seats.

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

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

Campaigning in Haryana ends

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

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

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

Jharkhand has the best textile policy, says CM

Das inaugurates second unit of Kishore Exports

PNS ■ RANCHI

Chief Minister Raghubar Das on Saturday said that migration has been a major problem in Jharkhand and in the past, due to poverty and unemployment, many children were forced to move and work in other States.

"The present Government is working to get rid of this problem. The Government is promoting industries for the girls to get employment in Jharkhand itself. Industries, in which costs are low and employment opportunities are high. The textile industry is the leader in this. Jharkhand has the best textile policy in the country. This is the reason why big textile companies are starting production here. In the coming days, other companies will also come here," said the CM during the inauguration ceremony of the second unit of Kishore Export in Kulhi



Chief Minister Raghubar Das inspects a new centre of Kaushal Kishore Exports Centre for the rural girls for self-dependant and also to earn money by making school dresses for children at Ormanjhi near Ranchi on Saturday

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village of Oramanjhi near Ranchi on Saturday.

The CM said that the girls of the State no longer have to migrate to another State. "There is also strength, potential and opportunities in Jharkhand. There is a quick decision-making Government and transparent system. Different policies have been formulated for different industries. This is the reason that many companies are coming to the state for investment," he added.

Das said that companies

related to footwear are also coming to the State. Soon shoes will be exported to other countries from Jharkhand.

"In Jharkhand, products made of bamboo etc are also being sent to other countries. Now, the State is recognised for development, not for corruption. It is a matter of pride for everyone. I appeal to all the employees to maintain discipline while keeping time and work with dedication. It will also elevate the company," he said.

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CAPSULE

MUSLIM LITIGANTS NOT TO BUILD MOSQUE

Ayodhya: Concerned over the possible post-verdict situation in the Ram Janmabhoomi case, Muslim litigants have said that they will not build the mosque even if the verdict is in favour.

PLAINT LODGED AGAINST KEJRIWAL IN BIHAR

Hajipur: A criminal complaint has been filed in a court here against Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal over his controversial remark about people from Bihar visiting Delhi for free medical treatment.

GAMBHIR HELPS AILING PAKISTANI GIRL GET VISA

New Delhi: A 7-year-old Pakistani national, Omaira Ali, with a congenital heart disorder has been issued a visa to undergo treatment in India after BJP MP Gautam Gambhir wrote to the Ministry of External Affairs, requesting help.

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Now, Santhal Pargana to see development only: CM

Das lays foundation of schemes worth ₹25,012.33 L

PNS ■ RANCHI

Chief Minister Raghubar Das on Saturday said that Santhal Pargana, which has remained ignored from development for decades, will only see development in the coming days. The CM said that the development of Santhal is Government's priority. "It is our duty to provide people with basic amenities.

While discharging these duties, houses were constructed, electricity, roads were provided. Work of women empowerment took place. The



Chief Minister Raghubar Das interacts with local women during his 'Jan Chaupal' programme at Litipara, Pakur district on Saturday

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drinking water scheme worth ₹217 crore will be completed in Littipara. With the completion of the scheme, a large pop-

ulation will have pure drinking water available at their houses. The Government is committed to provide water through

pipeline to all households in the State by 2022," he added.

"For the poor, whose houses are not built under PM Awas Yojana, allocate ₹10 crore out of the amount received for the aspirational district to the Deputy Commissioner for construction of houses. The Government has allocated 250 additional houses, under which also provide housing to the needy. Complete the process of construction of missing toilets by conducting a survey in the entire district with members of Sakhi Mandal. The poor should get their rights. The present Government does not want to keep any distance between the government and the people. We have to bridge this gap of years," said the CM at Jan Chaupal organised in Bhogandih of Sahebganj.

The CM said that only

seven thousand farmers of Barhet have registered under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana and Mukhyamantri Krishi Aashirwad Yojana. "There was a misleading propaganda among the farmers of Barhet that the Government will take their land by paying money, whereas, in 5 years, the Government did not take away anyone's land. Such people do not want your development. Take advantage of the scheme. 26 lakh farmers like you have received the first installment by taking advantage of the scheme. On October 23, farmers will also get another installment," said he.

Das said that the objective of Jan Chaupal is to inform and make aware of the schemes to the common masses.



Vehicles wade through a waterlogged road during heavy rainfall in Ranchi on Saturday. The Capital city witnessed 33 MM rainfall between 8:30 am and 5:30 pm on Saturday
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Abki Baar Hemant Sarkar chant at JMM Rally

Party shows strength in Badlav Rally

MRITUANJAY KUMAR ■ RANCHI

Thousands of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha supporters gathered despite heavy downpour during Jharkhand Mukti Morcha's (JMM) Badlao Rally at city's Harmu Ground on Saturday.

Upbeat after witnessing massive crowd in the rally, the party vowed to change the incumbent Government in upcoming State Assembly Election. A large number of people including party workers started gathering at the venue since morning shouting slogans like 'Abki Bar Hemant Sarkar' (Hemant Government This Time). People even did not stop coming when heavy rain started in mid afternoon of the day. The ground was completely filled with the party

supporters that came to participate in the rally.

The cynosure of the programme was Tamar MLA, Vikas Singh Munda, who formally joined the party during the rally in presence of JMM Supremo Shibu Soren and former Chief Minister and JMM Executive president, Hemant Soren. Munda came to the venue with a huge crowd of his supporters. Soren welcomed Munda in the party by garlanding him after that Hemant Soren and Munda walked on the stage by waving to crowd, during the time the crowd started cheering.

Addressing the gathering after inclusion in the party Munda said that the objectives of formation of the State have not been realised even after 19 year of its formation. "I have joined the party to ensure realisation of objective of formation of the State and I am sure that in the able leadership of the party Executive president, Hemant Soren the goal will be realised," he added.

Attacking on the State

Government, Munda said that during last five years it seems that the Government of double engine looted the State with double speed.

Addressing the rally amidst heavy rains Soren appealed to the people to stand with the stage, walk along, and walk along the path of new Jharkhand, with the slogans to draw a big line for the new and better Jharkhand. He thanked people who came in such a large number to participate in the programme even in the bad weather. It shows that how much people of the State are eager to change the State Government, said Soren.

Speaking on the occasion the former Chief Minister said that JMM is a party that always stands up fearlessly in troubles of Jharkhand. "Our historical background exhibits it clearly. Even today, many of our MLAs sacrificed their positions to save Chhotanagpur Tenancy Act and Santhal Paragana Tenancy Act and other laws, which added golden letters to the history of JMM. Jharkhand



Executive president (JMM) Hemant Soren and Tamar MLA Vikash Singh Munda hug as the latter joins JMM party during the concluding session of "Badlav Yatra" rally ahead of the State Assembly elections at Harmu Ground in Ranchi on Saturday. Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) Chief Shibu Soren and others are also seen in the picture
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was separated in the year 2000, but Jharkhand has not been able to meet the dreams of our great martyrs. Therefore, it has become necessary that now we should take the reins of the State from the hands of

immigrant Chief Minister," said Soren.

He announced several measures if the party voted to power such as 50 per cent reservation for women in Government's jobs, law to save

lands of locals, electricity equal to coal produce by the State, electricity free for upto 200 unit, increase in tourism, jobs for five lakh youths and house of worth Rs Three Lakh will be given to homeless people.

HACK-A-BIT see enlightening talks

PNS ■ RANCHI

The second day of HACK-A-BIT 2019 started on Saturday with an enlightening talk by the Head of Marketing at ZEIT, Sarup Banskota. The talk was organised for the participants and organisers.

The speaker illustrated on how he embarked on the journey of entrepreneurship and began with tiny steps to achieve the ultimate goal of being able to create a better impact on the society. Banskota also talked about the significance of the side hustles that we pursue in college or high school like digital designing and open sourcing. His corporation, ZEIT simplifies the deployment of websites and setting up of a domain. This in turn would help small businesses and side hustles thrive, he added.

Addressing the gathering Banskota said, "Working towards your passion is good, but to really sell a product one needs to convince the user of their requirement."

Banskota also encouraged the students to participate in the

ZEIT challenge that is to deploy websites using ZEIT. He went on to illustrate the process of process of website deployment within 30 seconds; by live demo. The ZEIT Challenge winners would bag a cash prize of Rs 10,000.

Following the talk, the grueling coding session continued in the Hack Arena for the participants.

The second half of the day witnessed an inspiring talk by, Engineering Manager, Quality at GitLab Incorporation, Ramya Authappan. Authappan, has an experience of no less than 10 years in a myriad of projects and technology software. Exclusive views and expertise skills on DevSecOps at GitLab were illustrated. The importance of effective communication and interpersonal skills was also elucidated.

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Head of Marketing at ZEIT, Sarup Banskota alongwith others during second day of Hack-A-BIT at BIT Mesra near Ranchi on Saturday
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interpersonal skills were also explained by the speaker. A mid evaluation was organised for the participating teams in the evening.

The judges checked upon the participants and the progress made by them so far.

A guest talk by a Delhi Technical University engineering graduate Mayank Garg, currently working on the best of the techniques of data analysis and machine learning and working as a senior consultant at Google,

was held in the evening. He has worked extensively in different domains of data analysis, interpretation and Natural Language Processing. Garg has also been a keynote speaker in programmes and provided mentorship to industry professionals in his domain. The Twitter Challenge required the students to get pictures clicked with innovative hash tags.

After the informal session, the pictures were posted on popular social media platforms.

Ranchi MP slams JMM, assures BJP win

PNS ■ RANCHI

Ranchi MP Sanjay Seth came down Rheavily on the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) on Saturday, accusing the Soren family of amassing property through violation of tenancy laws and propagating dynastic politics in Jharkhand.

Seth, who defeated Congress veteran Subodh Kant Sahay by a huge margin in the General Elections earlier year, went all guns blazing against former Chief Minister Hemant Soren, accusing him of scrapping a tribal language from the Jharkhand Public Service Commission (JPSC) during his tenure as the CM. Seth also slammed JMM for making an independent candidate the Chief Minister of Jharkhand for political gains.

"What kind of development does JMM want? Do they want development for the State or only for the Soren family," Seth said.

Seth said that in the 27 months of Soren's tenure as the CM, he did not come up with any policy for women empowerment and instead scrapped the ongoing Ladli Laxmi Yojana, introduced by a former Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Government for welfare of girl children. "Our Government has consistently worked for empowerment of women. And we are still working on various policies for the same," he said.



Ranchi MP Sanjay Seth alongwith State BJP spokesperson Pratul Shadoo, Media in-charge Shivpujan Pathak during a press conference at BJP headquarter in Ranchi on Saturday
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The MP also questioned Soren on the latter's criticism of the revocation of Article 370 from the Constitution of India. "When the revocation of article 370 is giving their due rights to the tribal community, then why is Hemant Soren unhappy?" he asked.

Seth accused former JMM-led Government's of encouraging Left Wing Extremism and instability in the State. He said that under JMM's rule, the people of Jharkhand were fed up of frequent bandhs and lawlessness. "JMM Governments in

the past have only created hurdles on the way of development. The people of Jharkhand want growth and prosperity. They do not want frequent strikes, lawlessness and surge in crime," said Seth.

He reiterated that the BJP will easily achieve its target of winning at least 65 seats in the 81 member assembly in the upcoming elections here. He said that the people of Jharkhand will again bestow their trust upon the double engine Government and contribute towards holistic growth of the State.

NEWS BRIEFS

FIR AGAINST SMC MEMBER

For providing sub standard food in MDM, an FIR has been lodged against managing committee vice-president Raj Kumar Ram of primary school, Resua under Manjhiaon police station, Garhwa on Saturday. The guardians of the students alleged that sub-standard food was being provided to students and fruits which were served in break was stopped by the accused. Manjhiaon PS in-charge Vinoy Kumar said, "On the complaint of Block Extension Education Officer Nand Kishore Tiwari under section of 353 IPC. Investigation is under way."

POST LIFE INSURANCE

Ranchi Postal Division organised 'Dak Jeevan Beema and Gramin Dak Jeevan Beema Mahamel' here on Saturday. CPMG Shahshi Shalini Kujur inaugurated the fair in the presence of Director, Postal Services, Jharkhand Circle, Satyakam. Sr Post Superintendent, Ranchi SK Sinha, Dy Divisional Manager SK Chaurasia along with SK Gupta and others were present on the occasion. During the fair review of postal insurance during last financial year was done and Postmans, who performed well during the year were awarded by the CPMG, who asked postmen to connect the common man with postal insurance schemes and government welfare schemes.

INTER-HOUSE EXHIBITION AT SBPS

In its initiative to promote art- integrated learning, SBPS, Ranchi organised the Inter-house Exhibition-Effervescence on October 19. The exhibition was inaugurated by the chief guest Manohar Lal (City Co-ordinator, CBSE & Principal Guru Nanak Higher Secondary School) in the presence of the school Principal Paramjit Kaur. The activity aims at providing a common platform to the students to give shape to their innovative ideas and learn from each other's experience. Each house depicted their models related to different subjects i.e. English, Hindi, Maths, Science, Social Studies, General Knowledge, French, German and Painting in the form of magic trick, puppet show, still models, working models, live shows etc. Students also displayed different games and quizzes which exhibited their knowledge and interest in various subjects.

INFORMATIVE ACTIVITY ON POST OFFICE

Class Nursery of Delhi Public School Ranchi performed an informative activity on Post Office. Through this skit, they learned about the overall functioning and working process of the Post office in our day to day life. It was a delight to see the tiny tots perform the beautiful skits and learning responsible things at such an early age. The main theme of the skit was sending a Diwali gift to the Grandfather which in itself is a wonderful thing to teach the kids. With increasing lack of compassion and respect for elders in this generation, it has become really important to instil the basic qualities in our child. The child in the skit was happy to be able to send the Gift to his Grandfather through the help of Post Office.

₹10 K AID TO CANCER PATIENT

Lions Club of Bokaro thermal has donated ₹10,000 for treatment of 52-year-old Punam Devi, who has been battling breast cancer. She had moved around Bokaro saying that if the government refuses to pay for her treatment then she should be allowed euthanasia. Her other family members sold off the family land and her mother's jewellery to raise money for Punam's treatment. She sells stationary to pay for her weekly Chemotherapy, but cannot afford the ₹ in lakh for her treatment.

JIASOWA Mela spreads environmental awareness

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While the Governments at the Centre and the State are pressing for a ban on single use plastic, the Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology (CIPET) has found a way to spread awareness about optimum use of plastic products through the popular Diwali Mela organised by Jharkhand IAS Officers Wives Association (JIASOWA) in Ranchi.

It is using the fair as a platform to bust the myths about plastic usage and put forth the technicalities of safe recycling of plastic products to the city folks.

The five-day fair, which has become the go-to-place for weekend revelers in the State Capital, is not only giving shopaholics a bang for their buck, but also acting as a catalyst for generating consciousness about environmental hazards and ways to minimize them, the organizers said on Saturday. The CIPET stall, put up right at the centre of the fair at Morhabadi Ground, is grabbing attention for all the right reasons. "With all the talking going on about single use plastic and plastic ban, people are obviously interested in knowing more about the safe ways of plastic recycling," said Shreyank Kumar Mishra, a CPET instructor at the stall.

One of the largest and noticeable stalls at the fair, the CPET stall has seen a footfall of at least 100 people since the fair was inaugurated on Thursday. In fact, Chief Minister Raghubar Das also visited the stall and seemed intrigued by the plastic recycling technology showcased there, said Mishra. On visiting the stall, the representatives of the institute explain the process of plastic recycling and how used plastic can be put in an agglomerator and be reused for making new products. "The process is simple. The plastic products collected by rag pickers and cleanliness workers can be collected and put in an agglomerator to convert it to its raw form. This raw form may not be as durable as virgin plastic but it can be used for



Media in-charge JIASOWA, Richa Sanchita alongwith others during third day of 'Diwali Mela' organised by Jharkhand IAS Officers Wives Association (JIASOWA) at Morhabadi Ground in Ranchi on Saturday
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Arts displayed during third day of 'Diwali Mela' organised by Jharkhand IAS Officers Wives Association (JIASOWA) at Morhabadi Ground in Ranchi on Saturday
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many purposes," Mishra said.

The Government has also made plastic companies take complete responsibility of their products and their impact on the environment by introducing stricter rules under the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). The EPR is a globally standardized plastic manufacturing policy under which the manufacturer is responsible for recycling and disposing of plastic products.

The stall assumes significance as Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called for freeing the country of single use plastic by 2022. Modi, during his

visit to Ranchi on September 12, called upon the youths of Jharkhand to discard the use of single use plastic products and support the Government in its environment-friendly initiative. Modi has been asking the people of India to shun single use plastic during most of his public addresses lately. Streets of the State capital too have been flooded with hoardings spreading the message of prohibiting single use plastic products. "The Government has already asked us to free the country of single use plastic. But it is always good to know how plastic manufacturers are being

made more responsible and the techniques used for plastic recycling," said Geetika Agarwal, a visitor at the stall on Saturday.

The Diwali Mela 2019, which will continue till Monday, witnessed a decent footfall on Saturday despite the weather playing a spoilsport. The stalls of handmade clothes and artifacts remained the main attractions on Saturday. Besides, bamboo products of Jharkhand and 3D paintings from Krishnanagar in West Bengal grabbed eyeballs. The fair had something in store for everyone – right from apparels to decorative items and a variety of pickles to raisins

imported from Australia.

The fair visitors on Saturday were also enthralled by the performance of students from the Nritya Tal Dance Academy in the evening. The dance moves on popular numbers from Bollywood kept the audience glued to their seats. "People from every age group can enjoy here. I have come here with my family. While my kids are busy at the play zone, my sister and I have our eyes glued to the handmade sarees. My husband, the foodie that he is, is busy at the food court," said Neha Srivastava, a homemaker from Kanke Road.

The fair is also spreading

awareness about the various policies of the Government. Besides spreading voters' awareness through the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) stall, it is also encouraging visitors to know more about the policies related to blue revolution, sweet revolution and other programmes of livelihood run by the Government. The Jharkhand Tourism stall has been showcasing the tourism potential of the State through Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality and MX Media to the visitors at the stall.

New Edu Policy aims to reduce burden of students: Kasturirangan

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

Former ISRO Chairman and Chairperson, New Education Policy Draft Committee, 2019 Dr. K Kasturirangan on Saturday said there will be common education policy across the country. He expressed his views during an interactive session organised by Tata Steel Education Excellence Programme (TEEP) at Kudy Mahanty Auditorium in Jusco School Kadma. Through a power point presentation Dr. Kasturirangan gave important information regarding the new education policy. Principals of

various schools of Jamshedpur attended the session. The Committee led by the Chairman Dr. Kasturirangan submitted the Draft National Educational Policy to the Union Human Resource Development Minister, Ramesh Pokhriyal in May 2019 in New Delhi. In his new education policy the school's current basic facilities, increase in fees, all round development of the students, burden of studies on the students along with suggestions and proposals on various subjects have been submitted in the form of draft to the central Government.

He underlined education for children under four categories. As part of the new education policy Dr. Kasturirangan has suggested the teachers to be more creative so that they can provide in-depth information to kids about different subjects. He also suggested in making arrangements for regular studies for the teachers. "We aim to reduce the burden of students carrying heavy bags and decrease study pressure from their minds. We want to make the new education policy in such a way that when a kid faces competition in a global scale he

is able to compete with his/her counterpart in a superior way. The new policy must also pave way for employment generation," added Dr. Kasturirangan who is also the former member of Planning Commission. He further said, "Currently five crore people in the country are illiterate and if the new education policy is not implemented at the earliest the figures might touch ten crore. Indian space scientist also sought support of intellectuals, corporate houses, trusts, institutions as part of the new education policy.



Entrepreneurship Awareness Drive held at NIFFT

PNS ■ RANCHI

The 10th edition of Entrepreneurship Awareness Drive by IIT Kharapur, was conducted at NIFFT here on Saturday. The magnificent event saw a participation of over 250 students coming from various colleges across the city. Through the words of celebrated entrepreneurs and industrialists like Aman Sanduja (founder of towards blockchain), Ravi Ranjan (Startup Expert, Ex-Nasscom), Rajeev Gupta (CEO Ranchi Mall), Amitesh Anand (Founder 36pi), Deepak Pareek (TEDx Speaker, Co-founder Career Keeda), Col Prabir Sengupta (Youth Mentor, Motivational Speaker) the startup enthusiastic students realized that a real entrepreneur is the one who does and not just dreams, he does not wait for the opportunity to knock the door, he builds the door himself.



Entrepreneurship Awareness Drive, conducted by the E-Cell, IIT Kharapur, comes every year to reinstate the spirit of Entrepreneurship among the college students of

India. Starting from 10 cities and 15,000 students it has grown exponentially to 22 cities and over 30,000 students in its 10th edition held in 2018. And the impact of this very Drive

can be understood through the number of college-student-startups that participate in the annual global business model competition, Empresario conducted by E-Cell itself.

Empresario is E-Cell's own Annual Business Model competition where business ideas in all fields ranging from Product and Service, Product Design to Social get equal opportunity to win the prize and incubation money to the tune of Rs 2.5 crore. The prizes and services for the winners as per the last year are worth Rs 25 lakh.

This year, Entrepreneurship Cell IIT Kharapur are proud to present the new prestigious Empresario 2020 in association with International Business Model Competition (IBMC). The best entries in all categories will get an opportunity to participate directly in the semi-final rounds of IBMC 2020 which will be conducted abroad. Entrepreneurship Cell, IIT Kharapur, a non-profit student organization, since its establishment in 2006, with its arduous efforts has taken us one step closer to an Entrepreneurial India.

Two Bokaro Students get scholarship to Sri Lanka

PNS ■ BOKARO

Continuing the legacy of success two students, Priyanshu Kashyap and Sanjivani Kumari of DPS Bokaro qualified the scholarship examination to make their way to Sri Lanka. Priyanshu Kashyap and Sanjivani Kumari of grade IX brought in laurels to their alma mater by being selected to participate in the prestigious International Youth Camp to be held at Colombo, Sri Lanka from 11 to 13 November this year.

This camp is a part of the scholarship offered to those students who have excelled in German language studies at the state level; and all expenses pertaining to the trip i.e. flight tickets, food and lodging, travel insurance are borne by Goethe-Institut. These students qualified a challenging online selection test to make their way to the Global platform. Every year Goethe-Institute organizes these camps for students from more than 1800 schools all over the global countries which are a part of the PASCH network worldwide wherein students take part in many fun activities like tours to places of importance, quiz including others. Principal, DPS Bokaro A. S. Gangwar said that this success is the result of the committed efforts put in by the students under the guidance of their teacher. "This indeed is a special moment for the school fraternity. Such programmes help students not only get the opportunity to brush up their language skills but also provide exposure at the global level," he added.

Chain snatchers gang busted; kingpin arrested

PNS ■ BOKARO

A chain snatchers and looters gang was busted by the district police, who were involved in a series of loot and gold chain snatching. Three gang members including kingpin of the gang were arrested, identified as Sarfuddin Ansari alias Batala (kingpin) his wife Sakina and Rinku Ansari resident of Bharra Basti Chas, said DSP Bokaro Gayan Ranjan. Police recovered a 9 mm loaded pistol and Rs one lakhs fifteen thousand cash and gold ornaments from their possession, said the DSP. "During interrogation, Sarfuddin admitted several chains snatching crime and loot cases in which he was involved. They confessed their crime and told to police they have a gang of at least 10 peoples, involved in thefts and snatching from pedestrians, scooty riders especially women in the city areas of Bokaro," said he. Sarfuddin also confessed their involvement in snatching a gold chain from Pratima Sahay, wife of M M P Sinha DSP Bokaro (traffic) near the ex-chief minister Shibu Soren's residence at sector 1 C while she was on an evening walk in the street a few weeks earlier. After snatching chain from DSP's wife they also snatched a gold chain from Vimla Devi near Sector 3 near lake road, said Gayan Ranjan. "We have received vital information, hunt for the others are on, we are conducting raids," added the DSP. His gang was also active in Chandrapura, BTPS, Nawadhi including other parts of the district. "Sarfuddin was wanted in several cases (including killing) since long by the police. Now he was arrested on a tip-off," said the DSP.



Trains travelling via Tatanagar to remain cancelled

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

In view of 3 days Pre-Non Interlocking and 2 days Non Interlocking work at Lotapahar Yard in connection with commissioning of 3rd line work in Chakradharpur-Rourkela section of Chakradharpur Division from 19.10.19 to 23.10.19, the following S E Railway trains will be hit: 68025 Chakradharpur-Rourkela Saranda MEMU Passenger will

remain cancelled from 19.10.19 to 23.10.19. 68026 Rourkela-Chakradharpur Saranda MEMU Passenger will remain cancelled from 19.10.19 to 23.10.19. 58111 Tatanagar-Itwari Passenger will remain cancelled from 19.10.19 to 23.10.19. 58112 Itwari-Tatanagar Passenger will remain cancelled from 18.10.19 to 22.10.19. On the other hand 18404 Barbil-Rourkela Intercity

Express will be short terminated at Chakradharpur from 19.10.19 to 23.10.19. 18403 Rourkela-Barbil Intercity Express will be short originated from Chakradharpur from 20.10.19 to 24.10.19. Hence, the service of 18403/18404 Rourkela-Barbil-Rourkela Intercity Express will remain cancelled between Chakradharpur-Rourkela-Chakradharpur between 19.10.19 to 24.10.19.

Calligraphy, project work display at OPS

PNS ■ RANCHI

Oxford Public School (Jr. Wing) witnessed an array of talents in the Calligraphy and Project Work Display here on Saturday. The programme was inaugurated by SP Home Guard, Headquarters, Ranchi, Amber Lakra. He appreciated the students for their wonderful exhibits. It was a remarkable day as the students of Classes Prep to V unleashed their creativity in various disciplines. The 'Smart City' presented by the Eco Club emphasized on a pollution free city. The model of Chandrayan - 2 displayed by the students of Class III captivated the audience. The 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was the highlight of the show as the students of Class IV presented the Salt Satyagraha and the use of Khadi. Students also presented Magic Tricks with the help of Vedic Maths. Students of Classes IV & V mesmerized the audience with the Kavi Sammelan. The budding poets were at their lyrical best. The Journey of a Letter presented by Class III showed the various phases of

the evolution of the letter. The Chief Guest was felicitated by the school with a shawl and memento. Principal, Junior Wing, Rashmi Bakshi, applauded the efforts put up by the students and the teachers. She said that such programmes help in unearthing the storehouse of hidden talents. Principal, Suraj Sharma encouraged the children with his inspiring words. He reiterated that little minds can do wonders if guided properly. Kiran Mehta, Secretary, Oxford Group of Institutions also graced the occasion with her kind words. Chairman, Oxford Group of Institutions, SBP Mehta, in his message congratulated the students for putting up a wonderful show. The programme was judged by Lt. Col. Deepika Agarwal, Sanjay Gupta (Scientist), Institute of Agricultural Biotechnology and Tamil Selvi (In-charge). Neshat Perween, Poonam Sinha, Ajitha Rani, Aparna Sen, Manideepa De, Sujon Pal, Madhumita Putitundi, Indu Singh, Anurag Vidyarthi were thanked for their special contribution.



SP Home Guard, Headquarters Amber Lakra, Principal, Junior Wing, Rashmi Bakshi, Principal Suraj Sharma and others during inaugural ceremony of Project Work Display in the Junior Wing at Oxford Public school in Ranchi on Saturday

कार्यालय जिला शिक्षा पदाधिकारी जामताड़ा सूचना

निदेशानुसार जिले के माध्यमिक शिक्षा अंतर्गत शिक्षकों एवं शिक्षकेत्तर कर्मियों के पेंशनादि मामला हेतु पेंशन अदालत का आयोजन दिनांक 30.10.2019 को जिला शिक्षा पदाधिकारी कार्यालय, जामताड़ा में पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे से आहूत है। वैसे पेंशनर कर्मियों को सूचित किया जाता है कि वे अपनी लंबित पेंशनादि मामला यदि हो तो साक्ष्य सहित निर्धारित तिथि को ससमय यथा स्थान पर उपस्थित होना सुनिश्चित करेंगे। ताकि मामला निष्पादित किया जा सके।

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नाम-मुकेश कुमार महतो, उम्र-15 वर्ष, रंग-सॉलवार, ऊँचाई-5 फिट, छनावा-हरा रंग का पेट एवं हरा रंग स्वेटर पहने हुए है।

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उपायुक्त-सह-जिला दण्डाधिकारी का कार्यालय, चतरा (कार्मिक कोषांग)

प्रेस विज्ञप्ति

चतरा जिला अन्तर्गत केन्द्र सरकार/केन्द्रीय लोक उपक्रम/राज्य सरकार के विभागों/कार्यालयों के पदाधिकारियों/कर्मियों को आसन्न विधान सभा आम चुनाव 2019 को देखते हुए मतदान प्रक्रिया एवं ई0 भी0 एम0 संचालन से संबंधित प्रशिक्षण दिनांक 22.10.2019 से 24.10.2019 तथा 06.11.2019 से 08.11.2019 तक निर्धारित है, के क्रम में सूचित करना है, कि वैसे पदाधिकारी/कर्मियों जो लोक सभा आम चुनाव 2019 में जिस मतदान पदाधिकारी के लिए नियुक्त हुए थे उसी मतदान पदाधिकारी के रूप में वर्तमान विधान सभा चुनाव के लिए प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त करेंगे। नवनियुक्त शिक्षक/कर्मियों जिनका ग्रेड वेतन 4200 से 4800 रुपये में है पीठासीन पदाधिकारी के रूप में प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त करेंगे। जिला निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी, सह-उपायुक्त, चतरा

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कार्यालय धनबाद नगर निगम, धनबाद शुद्धि पत्र

e-Procurement Re-Tender Notice No. DMC/57/2019-20 Dated :- 09.10.2019 जो कार्यालय के पत्रांक 2305(TC) दिनांक 09.10.19 द्वारा समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित है, कार्य का नाम :- **झरिया विल्ड्रन पार्क का सौन्दर्यीकरण कार्य (2nd Call)** यूप सं0 03, जिसका (P.R.219264 Urban Development) (19-20):D में निविदा की तिथि बढ़ायी जाती है, जो निम्नुसार है :-

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P.R. 220343 Urban Development(19-20)-D

Jharkhand...

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Sarita Kumari of Lohardaga working in the newly created unit said that due to the pathetic economic condition of the family, she had to go to Noida for work. When she heard that textile factory is opening in Ranchi too, she came back. Now, she will be able to work with her family. Zahida Khatoon told that now she will not have to wander around for getting a job. Karishma Kumari of Kulhi village said that this employment will help to improve the economic condition of her family.

Now, Santhal...

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"We have to jointly build a corruption-free Jharkhand. If government servants commit corruption, they will be dismissed. Local girls will get employment in the nursing college starting here. In this way, nursing colleges are to be opened in 11 districts where training is to be provided to the girls. There are also plans to open a skill development center in all the blocks of Santhal Pargana," he added. Meanwhile, speaking at the UJJWALA Didis conference in Dumka the CM

said that the government has vowed to empower women so that they live with dignity. "The aim of Ujjwala Didi Conference is to make women power the power of society and the power of the State. Due to our mothers and sisters, we still get to see family arrangement and it is discussed abroad. Women carry on the task of taking the family together. Women have amazing powers. She also hides her needs. But the government has understood the pain of women and has done many things to empower them financially," he said.

PM only remembers Art 370: Sibal

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Improve economy, do not run circus: Priyanka to Centre

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

premises in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

India invites heads of foreign missions to visit Golden Temple

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Govt rules out separate flag, Constitution for Nagas

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

Ravi said a mutually

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

Ravi's statement bears sig-

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

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

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

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

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

the Government of India, he said.

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

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

PM meets Bollywood stars, discusses ways to mark Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

Among others present in the meeting were Sonam Kapoor, Kangana Ranaut, directors Rajkumar Hirani, Rajkumar Santoshi, Ashwini Iyer Tiwari, Nitesh Tiwari and



producers Ekta Kapoor, Boney Kapoor and Jayantilal Gada.

The prime minister pointed out that members of the film industry had come with a lot of suggestions.

"I am happy to share that we have addressed them to ensure more people can see the brilliant work done by our film personalities," the prime minister's office said in a series of tweets quoting him.

During the course of inter-

action, the prime minister urged those present to encourage tourism in the country.

The prime minister told the gathering that they do great work but perhaps they are not aware of its global influence. "Your work has reached all corners of the world. On the part of the government, I am happy to help in anyway to ensure maximum impact of your creative initiatives," Modi said.

DNA Technology Regulation Bill referred to Parliamentary Standing Committee

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The DNA Technology Regulation Bill, which seeks to control the use of DNA technology for establishing the identity of a person, has been referred to a Parliamentary Standing Committee for examination, the Lok Sabha Secretariat has said.

The bill that seeks to control the use and application of the deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) technology for establishing the identity of certain categories of persons, including offenders, victims, suspects and undertrials, was passed by the Lok Sabha in July.

The bill has been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests by Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu. "Members are informed

that the Chairman, Rajya Sabha in consultation with the Speaker, Lok Sabha has referred the DNA Technology (Use and Application) Regulation Bill, 2019, as introduced in Lok Sabha, to the Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests for examination and report within three months," the Lok Sabha secretariat said in a bulletin on Friday.

The chairman of the committee, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh, has invited suggestions from the public on the Bill.

A similar bill was passed in the Lok Sabha in January last year but it could not be cleared in the Rajya Sabha. The bill had then lapsed with the dissolution of the previous Lok Sabha.

The bill provides for establishment of a national DNA data bank and regional DNA data banks.

India to host 91st Interpol General Assembly in 2022

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India will host the 91st Interpol General Assembly in 2022 after a proposal in this regard was cleared with "overwhelming support" from members countries of the international police cooperation body. According to an Ministry of Home Affairs press note, voting in this regard took place today at the 88th General Assembly of the Interpol at Santiago Chile with India winning with an overwhelming majority. The Interpol is an international organisation with 194 member-states and has 100 years of experience of international cooperation in Policing.

Home Minister Amit Shah had proposed to host the General Assembly in India to Interpol Secretary General Jurgen Stock when the two met here on August 30. The biggest

congregation of law enforcement officers will coincide with country's 75th Independence anniversary celebrations, they said.

The officials said that the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Director Rishi Kumar Shukla moved this proposal before the 88th General Assembly in Santiago, Chile which got over Friday, they said.

The CBI represents the Interpol in India as the country's National Central Bureau.

India will get a chance to host the General Assembly of International Criminal Police Organisation (Interpol) after 25 years since 1997 when it was hosted here, the officials said.

Delhi Police commissioner Amulya Patnaik and Madhya Pradesh Police chief V K Singh also accompanied the CBI director at the general assembly, which got over on

Friday.

The general assembly of Interpol is an annual exercise hosted by member countries. All major decisions affecting general policy, the resources needed for international cooperation, working methods and finances are deliberated and discussed by representatives.

Based in Lyon, France, Interpol is an international police cooperation organisation with 194 member states and 100 years of experience of international cooperation in policing.

The organisation has 90-million records spread across 17 database.

Equipped with secure global data communication channel I-24/7, incident response teams, command and control centre, a worldwide network of NCBs, the organisation assists law enforcement agencies of member countries.

Reconstructing mosque against justice: Hindu group in Ayodhya land case

AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI

Lawyers representing "Ram Lalla Virajman", or the infant Lord Ram, in the politically sensitive Ram Jannbhoomi - Babri Masjid case filed a relief affidavit with the Supreme Court on Saturday, asking that the disputed land be handed over for the construction of a Ram Temple.

The group's lawyers argued the Muslim petitioners were entitled to neither land nor equitable relief as the Babri Masjid no longer exists. The lawyers also said the Nirmohi Akhara should not be awarded the land because it had questioned whether Ram Janmasthan - the birthplace of Lord Ram - could be considered a juristic entity.

"Ayodhya is a sacred place and it is a place of pilgrimage. It is the faith of the Hindus that Ayodhya has divine and spiritual significance even in the absence of temple or idol,"

the Hindu group said in its affidavit.

"Reconstructing the mosque at the disputed site is inequitable, unjust and contrary to Hindu Dharma, Islamic Law and all principles of justice. The area which is under dispute is one integral unit and is indivisible, so the whole area should be given to offer worship at Ram Janmasthan," the affidavit read.

Muslim parties also submitted a relief to the Supreme Court today but did done so in a sealed cover after divisions within the Sunni Waqf Board were exposed this week. However, lawyers for the Hindu group objected.

"Moulding of Relief" given in sealed cover by Muslim petitioners is not permissible. This encourages address to the court in secrecy and keeps other parties in the dark. It prejudices the rights of other petitioners," the lawyers said today.

Delhi Cabinet approves ₹36 crore expenditure for anti-pollution drives

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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



exposure. Central pollution Control Board (CPCB) also recommends corporate employees to work from home. "Air pollution is one of the most serious public health concerns faced by the citizens of Delhi. Rising pollution levels, especially in the winter months, affects the health of all citizens but especially that of children and senior citizens," Delhi Government said in a statement.

While Delhi government has claimed 25 percent reduction in air pollution but due to unfavorable Meteorological conditions and stubble burning, Delhi has recorded higher levels of PM 2.5 in city

atmosphere.

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

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

More than 250 Delhiites participate in Walk for Freedom

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Over 250 people participated in the Delhi edition of the global Walk for Freedom to raise awareness against human trafficking. The event is happening for the first time in the national Capital.

According to a statement released by an NGO, Delhi and nine other Indian cities, along with 450 locations across 50 countries, simultaneously hosted the global, silent Walk for Freedom in public spaces on Saturday.

More than 4,600 people participated in the walk in 10 Indian cities, it said.

Over 250 citizens from corporates, colleges and NGOs participated to raise awareness about human trafficking at Delhi, Mumbai, Shillong, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Kochi, Chennai, Hyderabad, Panjim and Pune, the statement added.

Security stepped up along city border ahead of Haryana Assembly polls

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In view of Assembly polls on Monday in neighbouring State Haryana, Delhi Police on Saturday has increased vigilance along the city borders.

According to a senior police official, police teams have started checking of vehicles along the Delhi-Haryana border in order to prevent the transportation of illicit liquor during dry days in the poll-bound State.

"Generally in elections, the borders are sealed 24 hours before the conduct of polls but this time Delhi Police have started it early and intensified the checking," said Shalini Singh, Joint Commissioner of Police, Western Range.

The polls to the 90-member assembly will be held on October 21 and the results will be declared on October 24.

On October 18 night, Police Control Room (PCR) van patrolling near Delhi Hirankundna area, adjacent to Haryana border nabbed a 20

year-old bootlegger with 444 quarters of illicit liquor in his possession.

The man identified as Saurabh, a resident of Delhi's Budh Vihar area, was nabbed at around 9:40 PM on Friday.

"PCR vans deputed on the borders areas are keeping eye on each and every vehicles passing through the border. On Friday night PCR van in the area observed that an auto-rickshaw coming from Tikri Border, seeing police took a u-turn and sped away. Finding activity suspicious police team on PCR followed the auto-rickshaw and stopped it," said Sharat Kumar Sinha, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), PCR.

"On checking of the vehicle police team recovered nine boxes of illicit liquor containing 444 quarters. The man was handed over to Mundka police station and a case under section 33/38/58 of Delhi Excise Act was also registered against the accused," the DCP added.

IMF backs India’s corporate tax cut

Slashed tax will help revive investment: IMF

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The International Monetary Fund on Friday supported India’s recent decision to reduce corporate income tax, saying it has a positive impact on investment.

It, however, said India should address continued fiscal consolidation and secure long-term stability of the fiscal conditions.

“We believe India still has limited fiscal space so they have to be careful. We support their corporate income tax cut because it has a positive impact on investment,” Changyong Rhee, Director, Asia and Pacific Department, IMF, told reporters at a news conference here.

Following a marked slow-

down in the last two quarters in India, the economy is expected to grow at 6.1 per cent this fiscal year, picking up to 7.0 per cent in 2020, he said.

“The monetary policy stimulus and the announced corporate income tax cut are expected to help revive investment,” said the top IMF official.

Anne-Marie Gulde-Wolf, Deputy Director, Asia and Pacific Department, IMF, said India should address the non-bank financial sector issues.

“While there have been improvements that have been put in motion, including efforts to recapitalise the state banks, the issue of non-bank financial institution remains partly unresolved and regulatory equity is one of the issues that needs to be achieved,” she said.

Slowdown seen world over, but India fastest growing: Minister

Mumbai: Union Minister Prakash Javadekar said here on Saturday that an “atmosphere” of economic slowdown prevails world over, but India is still the “fastest developing” economy.

Speaking ahead of October 21 Maharashtra Assembly polls, Javadekar also said that the BJP was banking on the government’s performance, while the opposition is bereft of issues and frustrated.

The BJP-led NDA alliance will win 222 of the 288 Assembly seats in Maharashtra, he claimed. “Several of opposition’s candidates have conceded defeat, stopped campaigning and also stopped spending money,” he added.

Ex-Jet CEO Vinay joins GoAir in advisory role

Mumbai: Former Jet Airways chief executive Vinay Dube has joined budget carrier GoAir in an advisory role, a source said on Saturday.

Dube had quit defunct Jet Airways on May 14, nearly a month after the airline ceased operations due to severe liquidity crisis. According to the source, GoAir wanted to hire him for the position of CEO, which is lying vacant since March this year.

PMC depositors hold protest outside RBI HQ

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

Trade wars to impact flow of capital, goods: Sitharaman

New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said the ongoing trade wars and protectionism have generated uncertainties and will ultimately impact the flow of capital, goods and services.

She also called for “concerted action” to mitigate the disruption on account of synchronous slowdown and to invoke the spirit of multilateralism for global growth, the Finance Ministry said.

Leading the Indian delegation to the Annual Meetings Plenary session of the IMF and the World Bank Group held in Washington DC on Friday, Sitharaman stressed that the increased trade integration, geopolitical uncertainties, and high accumulated debt levels necessitate strong global coordination.

HDFC Bank Q2 net profit rises 25%

New Delhi: Private sector HDFC Bank Saturday reported a 24.7 per cent rise in its consolidated net profit at ₹6,638 crore for the three months ended September 2019, helped by healthy core income.

The bank had registered a net profit of ₹5,322.41 crore in the same quarter of the previous fiscal. Total income on a consolidated basis rose to ₹36,130.96 crore during the three months to September.

Mercedes-Benz India bullish on Indian market

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

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

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P. C.

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

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

DP/5620/SD/19- Court Matter

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

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P. C.

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

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Sonia Singh alias Sonian Singh, D/o Shri Pal Singh, R/o F-318/1, Lado Sarai, Behind Punjab National Bank, New Delhi-110030, My Adhar No is 952074325356.

That My Name in the Educational Certificate of 10th, 12th and Enrollment Certificate of Bar Council of Delhi is Mentioned "Sonian Singh" and in the Graduation Certificate and LL.B Degree, Adhar Card, PAN Card, Voter ID Card is Mentioned "Soina Singh".

That Sonia Singh and Sonian Singh is one and Same lady.

S. E. RAILWAY TENDER

e-Tender Notice No.TRS-SRC-MISC-CLNG-3192 is invited by the Sr. Div. Elect. Engineer TRS, S.E. Railway, Santragachi for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work.

Description of work : Miscellaneous maintenance and cleaning work at Electric Loco Shed, Santragachi for Two years.

Tender Value: Rs.2,57,84,453 including GST. EMD: Rs.2,78,900. Cost of Tender Document: Rs. 10,000. Date of Opening: 14.11.2019 at 15.30 hrs. Closing Date/Time for tender: 14.11.2019 at 15.00 hrs. Completion Period: 24 (Twenty Four) months. Tenderer may visit website **www.reps.gov.in** for all details, description, specification, corrigendum of the tender and submission of their bids. (PR-878)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

MORE FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2019								
In addition to already announced Festival Special Trains, Railways have decided to run additional Festival Special Trains as per the scheduled given below:-								
Special Train No.	Station From	Dep. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Frequency/ Day	Period	Accommodation	Stoppages
82365	Patna Jn.	20.30	Anand Vihar (T)	14.20	Thu, Sun	03, 07 & 10.11.2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, & Sleeper	Ara, Buxar, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Jn., Allahabad & Kanpur Central
03266	Anand Vihar (T)	18.35	Patna Jn.	16.30	Fri, Mon	04, 08 & 11.11.2019		
82527	Darbhanga	21.30	Delhi	22.10	Monday	04.11.2019	AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General	Samastipur Jn., Muzaffarpur, Hajipur, Sonpur, Chhapra, Siwan, Deoria Sadar, Gorakhpur, Basti, Gonda, Barabanki, Lucknow, Kanpur Central, Etawah, Aligarh & Ghaziabad
05528	Delhi (Spl. train on special fare)	00.10	Darbhanga	23.45	Wednesday	06.11.2019		
05531	Saharsa	21.35	Delhi	02.00	Tue, Fri	05 & 08.11.2019	General & Sleeper	S. Bakhtiyarpur, Mansi, Khagaria, Hasanpur Road, Samastipur, Darbhanga, Kamtaul, Janakpur Road, Sitamarhi, Baigania, Raxaul, Narkatiaganj, Bagaha, Gorakhpur, Basti, Gonda, Sitapur Cantt., Bareilly, Moradabad & Ghaziabad
05532	Delhi	05.00	Saharsa	09.15	Thu, Sun	07 & 10.11.2019		
04062	New Delhi	10.55	Darbhanga	10.30	Fri, Tue	25 & 29.10.2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, & Sleeper	Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Gonda, Buxar, Gorakhpur, Chhapra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur Jn. & Samastipur Jn.
04061	Darbhanga	12.00	New Delhi	13.10	Sat, Wed	26 & 30.10.2019		
04058	New Delhi	00.20	Darbhanga	23.55	Wed, Mon, Thu	23, 28 & 31.10.2019	Sleeper	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Narkatiaganj Jn., Bettiah, Bapudam Motihari, Muzaffarpur & Samastipur
04057	Darbhanga	02.30	New Delhi	00.30	Thu, Tue, Fri	24, 29.10.2019 & 01.11.2019		
82406	New Delhi	10.55	Saharsa	11.30	Thu, Sun, Fri	24, 27.10.2019 & 01.11.2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General	Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Chhapra, Hajipur, Barauni, Khagaria & S Bakhtiyarpur
04031	Saharsa	18.00	New Delhi	19.50	Fri, Mon, Sat	25, 28.10.2019 & 02.11.2019		
04086	Anand Vihar (T)	19.25	Saharsa	20.00	Mon, Thu, Sun, Thu	21, 24, 27 & 31.10.2019	AC 3 Tier & Sleeper	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Sewan, Chhapra, Hajipur, Barauni & Khagaria
04085	Saharsa	22.15	Anand Vihar (T)	22.10	Tue, Fri, Mon, Fri	22, 25, 28.10.2019 & 01.11.2019		
04054	Anand Vihar (T)	19:00	Patna	16.30	Friday	25.10.2019	General	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Sultanpur, Varanasi, Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara & Danapur
04053	Patna	19.20	Anand Vihar (T)	15.50	Saturday	26.10.2019		
04014	New Delhi	23:55	Patna	19.00	Friday	25.10.2019	General	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Sultanpur, Varanasi, Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar Ara & Danapur
04013	Patna	21.30	New Delhi	18.30	Saturday	26.10.2019		
04020	New Delhi	20:15	Gorakhpur	14.00	Friday	25.10.2019	General	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Chandausi Jn., Bareilly Cantt., Sitapur Cantt., Gonda Jn. & Basti
04019	Gorakhpur	16.10	New Delhi	11.10	Saturday	26.10.2019		
04026	New Delhi	09:20	Patna	03.30	Saturday	26.10.2019	General	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Sultanpur, Varanasi, Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara & Danapur
04025	Patna	23.55	New Delhi	22.10	Sunday	27.10.2019		
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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P. C.

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

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

DP/699/ON/19- Court matter

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

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI

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

OA No. 83/19 **Date: 26.09.2019**
BANK OF MAHARASHTRA **APPLICANT**
MR. NISHANT MATLOTIA & ORS. **VERSUS** **RESPONDENT**
To,
DEFENDANT

1. **Mr. Nishant Matlotia**, S/o Mr. Ashok Matlotia
A-3, Sect.-19, Noida, UP
Also at: House No. 1186, Sect.-29, Noida, UP
Also at: HOL Technologies Ltd., B-34/3, Sect.-59, Noida

2. **Mrs. Mona Agarwal**, W/o Nishant Matlotia
A-3, Sect.-19, Noida, UP
Also at: House No. 1186, Sect.-29, Noida, UP
Also at: Tech Mahindra, A-20, Sect.-60, Noida

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

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence.

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

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Extract of Reviewed Ind AS Financial Results for the Quarter ended 30 th September 2019 (Standalone & Consolidated Financial Results under Regulation 47(1)(B) Of Listing Regulations) (₹ in Lakh)											
Sl No	Particulars	Standalone						Consolidated			
		Quarter Ended			Half Year Ended			Quarter Ended			Year Ended
		30.09.19	30.06.19	30.09.18	30.09.19	30.09.18	31.09.19	30.09.19	30.06.19	30.09.19	
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1	Total Income from Operations.	3117.23	3480.01	3983.00	6597.24	8001.22	15453.23	3117.23	3800.88	6918.11	17940.24
2	Profit before Interest, Depreciation & Taxes (EBITDA)	59.79	386.26	357.55	446.05	710.42	1490.23	59.79	318.58	378.37	1620.65
3	Net Profit for the Period (before Tax and Exceptional Items)	(74.25)	246.38	217.64	172.13	438.06	1046.63	(74.25)	148.19	73.96	1059.48
4	Net Profit for the Period before Tax (after Exceptional Items)	(74.25)	246.38	217.08	172.13	437.50	997.65	(74.25)	148.19	73.96	1010.51
5	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after Exceptional Items)	(60.99)	184.79	156.53	123.80	315.63	785.17	(60.99)	86.60	25.63	797.95
6	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [[Comprising Profit] for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(60.99)	184.79	156.53	123.80	315.63	785.17	(60.99)	86.60	25.63	797.95
7	Equity Share Capital	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00
8	Reserves	4326.65	4387.64	3733.32	4326.65	3733.32	4202.85	4333.38	4494.28	4333.38	4366.71
9	Earnings Per Share (of ₹ 10/- each) Basic & Diluted:	(0.54)	1.63	1.38	1.09	2.79	6.93	(0.54)	0.76	0.23	7.04
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1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly financial results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full form of the quarterly financial results is available at the website of Stock Exchange at www.bseindia.com and also on Company's website at www.jaschindustries.com .											
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Trump backs Turkey ceasefire even as it appears shaky

AP ■ WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump is pushing back at criticism that his Syria withdrawal is damaging US credibility, betraying Kurdish allies and opening the door for a possible resurgence of the Islamic State.

He touted a cease-fire agreement that seemed at risk as Turkey and Kurdish fighters differed over what it required and whether combat had halted.

“We’ve had tremendous success I think over the last couple of days,” Trump declared Friday. He added that “we’ve taken control of the oil in the Middle East” — a claim that seemed disconnected from any known development there.

He made the assertion twice Friday, but other U.S. Officials were unable to explain what he meant.

Calling his Syria approach “a little bit unconventional,” the President contended that Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan as well as the Syrian Kurdish fighters the Turks are battling agree that the U.S. brokered cease-fire was the right step and were complying with it.

“There is good will on both sides & a really good chance for success,” he wrote on Twitter.

That optimism seemed at odds with Erdogan’s own words. He told reporters in Istanbul that Turkish forces would resume their offensive in four days unless Kurdish-led

fighters withdraw “without exception” from a so-called safe zone 20 miles (30 kilometers) deep in Syria running the entire 260-mile (440-kilometer) length of the border with Turkey.

There was no sign of any pull-out by the Kurdish—led forces, who accused Turkey of violating the cease-fire with continued fighting at a key border town.

They also said the accord covers a much smaller section of the border. And some fighters have vowed not to withdraw at all, dismissing the deal as a betrayal by the U.S., whose soldiers they have fought alongside against the IS.

Eric Edelman, a former U.S. Ambassador to Turkey who served as the Pentagon’s top policy official during the George W. Bush administration, said he doubts Turkey and its Syrian proxies could control the entire border area from the Euphrates to Iraq without help from Russia or others.

“That’s a very big expanse of territory to hold, albeit a lot of it is uninhabited,” Edelman said. “That probably means they’ve cut already some deal with the Russians and the Iranians.” Even so, Trump insisted peace was at hand.

“There is a cease-fire or a pause or whatever you want to call it,” he said. “There was some sniper fire this morning,” as well as mortar fire, but that was quickly halted and the



area had returned to a “full pause,” he said.

Trump also asserted that some European nations are now willing to take responsibility for detained IS fighters who are from their countries.

“Anyway, big progress being made!!!!” he exclaimed on Twitter. Trump said nothing further about the European nations he now contends have agreed to take some of the IS fighters, a demand he has repeated often.

No European Government announced an intent to take control of IS prisoners.

Speaking in Brussels after briefing NATO ambassadors on the Syria situation, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said, “We’ve seen comments today from a number of countries who said they may well be

prepared to take back these fighters.” He, too, identified no such countries.

At the Pentagon, Defense Secretary Mark Esper said U.S. Troops are continuing their withdrawal from northern Syria. He also said no U.S. Ground troops will participate in enforcing or monitoring the cease-fire.

“The force protection of our service members remains our top priority and, as always, U.S. Forces will defend themselves from any threat as we complete our withdrawal from the area,” Esper told reporters. One important unknown in the wake of Turkey’s military incursion, which began Oct. 9, is whether IS fighters who have been held by U.S.-allied Kurdish fighters known as the Syrian Democratic Forces will escape in large numbers.

Syrian Kurds accuse Turkey of scuppering US-brokered deal

AFP ■ BEIRUT

The commander of Kurdish forces in Syria accused Turkey of sabotaging a US-brokered truce on Saturday by blocking the withdrawal of his forces from a flashpoint border town in northeastern Syria.

In a wide-ranging interview with AFP, Mazloum Abdi, head of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), said he still wished to see a role for the US in Syria to counterbalance Russian influence, while recommitting his forces to countering the Islamic State group.

“The Turks are preventing the withdrawal from the Ras al-Ain area, preventing the exit of our forces, the wounded and civilians,” Abdi said in a phone interview from Syria.

Under a US-brokered ceasefire announced Thursday evening, SDF forces are meant to withdraw from a key strategic area near the Syrian-Turkish border within five days.

But Abdi said he could not abandon his forces in the town, which is besieged by Turkish troops and their Syrian allies.

The US had been allied with SDF forces in northern Syria until President Donald Trump announced last week he would withdraw American troops ahead of a Turkish offensive.

Critics have accused him of abandoning the Kurds, with whom the US fought a bloody campaign to destroy the Islamic State in Syria.

Abdi said he was disappointed by the withdrawal, which prompted his forces to make a deal with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to help protect Kurdish-controlled territory, but still wanted the US to have an influence in Syria.

Turkey accuses Syrian Kurd forces of violating ceasefire

AFP ■ ISTANBUL

Turkey on Saturday accused Kurdish forces of violating an agreement to suspend its Syria offensive if they withdraw from a “safe zone” along the border.

“The Turkish armed forces fully abide by the agreement” reached on Thursday with the United States, the defence ministry said in a statement. “Despite this, terrorists... Carried out a total of 14 attacks in the last 36 hours.” The ministry said 12 of the attacks came from the border town of Ras al-Ain in northeastern Syria, one from Tal Abyad and another from Tal Tamr region, adding that various light and heavy weaponry including rockets were used.

Turkey had agreed to suspend its Syria offensive for five days but President Recep Tayyip Erdogan warned on Friday he would resume a full-scale operation against Kurdish forces if they do not withdraw from a border “safe zone.” “If the promises are kept until Tuesday evening, the safe zone issue will be resolved. If it fails, the operation... Will start the minute 120 hours are over,” Erdogan said.

But he added the agreement was holding and that had been no issues so far. The defence ministry said “for the agreement to hold soundly and to keep the calm with exception of self-defence”, Turkey was coordinating with the United States.

Hong Kong anti-Gov protesters vow to hold ‘unauthorised’ rally

AP ■ HONG KONG

Hong Kong anti-Government protesters are set for another weekend of civil disobedience as they prepare to hold an unauthorised protest march to press their demands.

Supporters held a prayer rally on Saturday night to call for international help for their cause. The protest march is planned for Sunday, with organisers vowing to hold the event even though it failed to win approval from police, who cited risks to public order.

As the semi-autonomous Chinese territory’s political crisis extends into a fifth month, protesters are trying to keep the pressure on the Government to respond to their demands,

including full democracy and an independent inquiry into alleged police brutality.

They’re also using Sunday’s rally to raise a more recent demand for the government to scrap a ban installed this month on face masks at public gatherings. Organisers said demonstrators would defy the police because Hong Kong’s constitution guarantees the right to protest. “We don’t think that because police haven’t given their approval we shouldn’t demonstrate,” Figo Chan, vice-convenor of the Civil Human Rights Front, told reporters.

“Even though they have rejected our appeal, there will surely be many residents taking to the streets.”

Meanwhile, a bipartisan group of US lawmakers including Republican Sen. Ted Cruz and Democratic Rep. Alexandra Ocasio Cortez wrote to tech company Apple and video game studio Activision Blizzard to condemn what they called protest-related censorship on behalf of China.

Hong Kong says Murder suspect wants to surrender to Taiwan

AP ■ HONG KONG

Hong Kong’s leader says the murder suspect whose case inadvertently helped ignite the city’s protest movement wants to surrender to authorities in Taiwan.

Carrie Lam told reporters Saturday that she had received a letter from Chan Tong-kai requesting help to give himself up.

Chan is wanted by Taiwan authorities for allegedly killing his girlfriend during a trip to the self-ruled island. He was not sent back to face charges because of the lack of an extradition agreement.

He was however jailed in Hong Kong on money laundering charges and is due to be released this week.

In an attempt to close the loophole, Lam proposed extradition amendments.

But that sparked massive protests over fears it would put residents at risk of being sent into mainland China’s Communist Party-controlled judicial system.

UK in historic Super Saturday Parl session to vote on new Brexit deal



PTI ■ LONDON

In a historic weekend Parliament session, the first in 37 years, British MPs on Saturday began debating British Prime Minister Boris Johnson’s Brexit deal struck with the European Union (EU).

The debate is set to be followed by what has been characterised as a knife-edge vote in the House of Commons on the so-called divorce arrangements between the UK and the 27 remaining members of the economic bloc.

Johnson opened the session with a plea for all sides of the House to come together behind the “great deal.”

“Let us come together as democrats to end this debilitating feud. Let us come together as democrats behind this deal, the one proposition that fulfils the verdict of the majority but which also allows us to bring together the two halves of our hearts, to bring together the two halves of our nation,” said Johnson in his statement to the Commons.

In reference to the 52 per cent versus 48 per cent vote in favour of Brexit in the June 2016 referendum, he said: “Let’s speak now both for the 52 and the 48. Let us go for a deal that can heal this country, let’s go for a deal that can heal this country and allow us all to express our legitimate desires for the deepest possible friendship and partnership with our neighbours.”

UK Brexit vote amendment would allow fresh delay

AFP ■ LONDON

The British Parliament may end up forcing Prime Minister Boris Johnson to request another Brexit delay on Saturday and give only provisional support to his divorce deal with the EU.

An amendment penned by former Government Minister Oliver Letwin would have the effect of forcing Johnson to write a letter to Brussels requesting an extension of the Brexit deadline until January 31 of next year.

Johnson is currently required to ask for an extension if parliament votes down the revised withdrawal agreement he struck with EU leaders in Brussels this week. But Letwin’s amendment, which was selected by House of Commons Speaker John Bercow for a vote, would decline to approve Johnson’s deal in full “unless and until” every other part of the formal Withdrawal Agreement Bill is passed.

Anti-Brexit activists march to Parliament as MPs debate deal

AFP ■ LONDON

Tens of thousands of pro-EU protesters from across Britain wielding banners, placards and flags converged on parliament on Saturday, as MPs debated the Government’s Brexit deal.

Beneath largely clear blue skies, demonstrators rallied near Hyde Park in central London before marching to Westminster to call for a second referendum on Britain’s planned EU departure.

Walking behind a pink banner proclaiming “together for the final say”, they chanted: “What do we want? People’s vote! When do we want it? Now.” “The first referendum was jumping on a train without a destination,” said Douglas Hill, 35, from Oxford, south central England, with his Estonian wife and their baby daughter.

“Now that we have a destination, we need to have a second referendum.” Another attendee, Theodor Howe, a 20-year-old student in Dundee, eastern Scotland, conceded another poll could be divisive but insisted it was still necessary.

“People should have a say in what is going to happen,” he told AFP, expressing hope that MPs reject Johnson’s deal and that he is forced to ask Brussels for another delay.

Politicians including John McDonnell, from the main opposition Labour party, and London Mayor Sadiq Khan, were due to address the crowds.

Organisers from the People’s Vote pressure group laid on 172 buses to bring people to the British capital, with the cost covered by supporters from sport, business and entertainment, it said.

Former prime ministers John Major, a Conservative, and Tony Blair, of Labour, feature in a film set to be broadcast to the crowds once they arrive in Parliament Square.

“Whatever is the outcome, no deal or bad deal, it should not pass without the final say resting with the people,” they said in a statement on Friday.

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Shifting explanations from White House alarm Republicans

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The shifting White House explanation for President Donald Trump’s decision to withhold military aid from Ukraine drew alarm on Friday from Republicans as the impeachment inquiry brought a new test of their alliance.

Trump, in remarks at the White House, stood by his acting chief of staff, Mick Mulvaney, whose earlier comments undermined the administration’s defense in the impeachment probe.

Speaking Thursday at a news conference, Mulvaney essentially acknowledged a quid pro quo with Ukraine that Trump has long denied, saying U.S. Aid was withheld from Kyiv to push for an investigation of the Democratic National Committee and the 2016 election. He later clarified his remarks.

Trump appeared satisfied with Mulvaney’s clarification and the president dismissed the entire House inquiry as “a terrible witch hunt. This is so bad for our country.”

But former Ohio Gov. John Kasich, who ran against Trump in the 2016 Republican primary, said he now supports impeaching the president. Mulvaney’s admission, he said, was the “final straw.” “The last 24 hours has really forced me to review all of this,” Kasich said on CNN.

In Congress, at least one Republican, Rep. Francis Rooney of Florida, spoke out publicly, telling reporters that he and others were concerned by Mulvaney’s remarks.

Rooney said he’s open to considering all sides in the impeachment inquiry. He also said Mulvaney’s comments cannot simply be undone by a follow-up statement.

“It’s not an Etch-A-Sketch,” said Rooney, a former ambassador to the Holy See under President George W. Bush.

“The only thing I can assume is, he meant what he had to say — that there was a quid pro quo on this stuff,” he said.

The tumult over Mulvaney’s remarks capped a momentous week in the impeachment investigation as the admission, from highest levels of the administration, undercut the White House defense and pushed more evidence into the inquiry.

GOP leaders tried to contain the fallout. But four weeks into the inquiry, the events around Trump’s interaction with the Ukraine president, which are at the heart of impeachment, have upended Washington.

A beloved House chairman, Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., a leading figure in the investigation, died amid ongoing health challenges.

Sri Lanka removed from FATF’s Grey List

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lanka has been removed from the “Grey List” of the international terror financing watchdog FATF, according to a media report.

The island nati on will no longer be subject to the Financial Action Task Force’s monitoring under its on-going global anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) compliance process, the Colombo Gazette reported on Saturday.

The FATF, whose five-day plenary concluded in Paris on Friday, said Sri Lanka made significant progress in addressing the strategic AML/CFT deficiencies identified earlier, the daily said.

In October 2016, the FATF announced that Sri Lanka will be subjected to a review of the International Cooperation Review Group (ICRG) of the terror financing watchdog to assess the progress of AML/CFT effectiveness in the country.

The Paris based organisation indicated Sri Lanka had

not made sufficient progress in four parameters — international cooperation, supervision, legal persons and arrangements and targeted financial sanctions on proliferations (North Korea and Iran), the daily said.

At its meeting at Buenos Aires, Argentina in October 2017, the FATF listed Sri Lanka as a jurisdiction with strategic AML/CFT deficiencies which is more commonly identified as “Grey List” and provided a time-bound action plan, the report said.



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

Catalan leaders demand talks with Madrid after violent clashes

AFP ■ BARCELONA

Separatist Catalan leaders on Saturday called on the Spanish Government to enter into talks as Barcelona braced for fresh violence after days of clashes between police and protesters.

Nearly 200 people were hurt in another night of clashes with radical separatists hurling rocks and fireworks at police who responded with tear gas and rubber bullets.

A hardcore movement of young separatists, Arran, called for a new demonstration “against repression” for 1600 GMT in central Barcelona.

“We exhort the head of the government to fix today a day and hour to sit with us for unconditional talks,” regional president Quim Torra said in a speech.

His demand for “unconditional” negotiations, addressed to Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez, appeared to be aimed at ensuring that a referendum on independence, currently a non-starter for Madrid, is up for discussion.

Barcelona has been rocked all week by protests against a Spanish court’s jailing of nine separatist leaders on seditious charges over a failed independence bid.

Emergency services said Saturday that 152 people were injured in overnight clashes in Barcelona, and dozens more hurt elsewhere in Catalonia, taking the total to 182.

Authorities had already reported 500 injured since protests started on Monday even before the latest clashes erupted.

The interior Ministry said 83 people were detained in the overnight violence, in addition to 128 arrests police had reported previously.

“This can’t go on, Barcelona does not deserve this,” said Ada Colau, the city’s leftist mayor on Saturday, condemning “all kinds of violence.”

Air in the Catalan capital was heavy with a burning stench as municipal workers cleared the streets of broken glass, rocks and rubber bullets, and repaired pavements where bricks had been ripped out.

“All this is very sad, and is not helping our cause,” said Assumpcio Segui, a 75-year old pro-independence pensioner.

Torra urged demonstrators to remain calm, saying “the defense of rights and freedoms must always be expressed peacefully.”

Around half a million people had rallied in Barcelona on Friday in the biggest gathering since Monday’s court ruling as separatists also called a general strike in the major tourist destination.

While most marchers appeared peaceful, hordes of young protesters went on the rampage near the police headquarters, igniting a huge blaze that sent black smoke into the air as police fired teargas to disperse them, an AFP correspondent said.

Rohit, Rahane, Ranchi & Rain

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

PTI ■ RANCHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rain forecast today

PTI ■ RANCHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Ajinkya Rahane, right, pats on the helmet of teammate Rohit Sharma to congratulate him on scoring century during first day of third Test against South Africa at Jharkhand State Cricket Association Stadium in Ranchi AP

Mental adjustments key to Hitman's success

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rohit started to break

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

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

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

'Not now' Proxy captain

FIANS ■ KOLKATA

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

Rohit reached the three-figure mark with a six as he was batting on 95 in the 45th over. The limited overs vice-captain brought up his third century of the series, his sixth overall, off Dane Piedt's

bowling. Just before that, Rohit shouted 'not now' when it started to drizzle and the groundsmen set themselves up to bring the covers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ RANCHI

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

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

Nortje rues slip-up after strong start

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

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

"We had one or two

overs where we went on top, later on we just pulled it back again. So, maybe, here and there we lost but, in general, a good effort by everyone.

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

Kagiso Rabada was the pick of the attack with

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

"I was hoping for a wicket somewhere and to get him was unbelievable, but just try and come with a plan. I try and put as much pressure as possible and finally got the wicket."

He said there's still hope in the side as they

look to bounce back.

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

Selection consistency led to better understanding: Rani

PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR

Indian women's hockey team captain Rani said on Saturday that consistency in selection has helped her team members in understanding each other better ahead of the Olympic Qualifiers.

She said that home support will be a huge boost for them when they compete in the upcoming FIH Olympic Qualifiers.

An 18-member women's team was announced here on Friday by chief coach Sjoerd Marijne, which saw the Dutchman retain the players who represented India in their preparatory tour of England earlier this month.

"We have a group of players who have played together for a good period of time, and that obviously helps in building a good understanding between all the team members."

"We know each other in and out, and all of us understand each other both on and off the field, so I believe it has also helped us a lot. We are now preparing to be at our best when we take on USA in the Qualifiers here," said Rani.

Looking back at her experience of representing the national team in front of home support, Rani said the support in the

city will be a huge boost for her side.

"Some members from this team have played in India before but that was way back in the FIH World League Round 2 in 2013, but the crowd that comes out to watch hockey in Bhubaneswar is nothing like that."

"We know we will be cheered on from the first minute of the match, and we are all looking forward to playing at home. It is a good moment in your life when you play such a huge match in front of your home crowd, and the team is looking forward to producing a great performance and enjoying it on the field," she said.

Rani said there is pressure, but her team members have huge belief in themselves, and are focusing on doing the basics right in both the matches.

"We all know how important these matches are, but we cannot let them get to us. We have played in huge matches before and we now have the experience of coping up with the pressure. "We will play our own game, and focus on the basics. If we can continue with the way we have been playing, and play according to our plans, we will be able to produce good results."



Indian athletes eye course record bonus

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

Suresh Kumar Patel, Srinu Bugatha, Pradeep Chaudhary in the men's category and Suriya, Parul Chaudhary and Priti Lamba in the women's category are the top domestic athletes vying for honours in the prestigious IAAF Gold Label race. There will be 23 women and 22 men Indian elite athletes taking part in the race.

Suriya, who created the course record in 2017 with a time of 1 hour 10 minutes 31 seconds, said she enjoys running in ADHM.

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

break the course record again," said Suriya.

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

Parul Chaudhary, who is keen to make an impression this year, was delighted about the bonus cash prize on offer.

"It's great that the runners will be rewarded with a bonus cash prize for breaking the course record. We are very happy and I will definitely give it my all to achieve a bonus prize this year," said Parul.

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

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



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The Historian's Eye

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

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Watch your thought pattern

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

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



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

MIGHTY MILLETS



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

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

THE HEALTH BONUS

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

MY TOP FIVE PICKS

Sorghum (*jowar*)

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

Pearl millet (*bajra*)

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

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

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

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

Finger millet (*Ragi*)

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

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

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

Foxtail millet (*kangini* or *thinnai*)

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

Barnyard millets (*jiangora*)

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

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

BOOST THEIR SUPERPOWER: SPROUT THEM

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

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

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



BE CAREFUL THOUGH

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

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

RECIPES

● Ragi Kuzhu (Porridge)

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

● Bajra Pongal

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

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(Glycemic Index) and is better digestible due to the enzyme activity that peaks during sprouting, and the starchy carbs in the seed on sprouting get converted into energy. So the resulting sprouted food has a higher ratio of protein and fibre to carbs. Proteins also become more digestible when the food is sprouted. And the biggest benefits is that sprouting helps decrease the presence of anti-nutrients (like physics acid, enzyme inhibitors, lectins, saponins etc), the naturally occurring compounds that are found in plant seeds that interfere with our ability to digest vitamins and minerals within the plants. In fact, one big benefit of sprouting grains is that studies have found that there are widespread changes in gluten concentrations of the grains when they are sprouted. Looking at how much grains we consume today (a big chunk of our diet is made of these), it is a good idea to naturally reduce gluten consumption this way. So which grains can be sprouted?

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

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

CHEFS' FAVOURITE

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

THE MARKET FORCES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PHOTOGRAPH, YOU ARE ALREADY
LOOKING AT A STRANGE WORLD
—JOEL STERNFELD



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

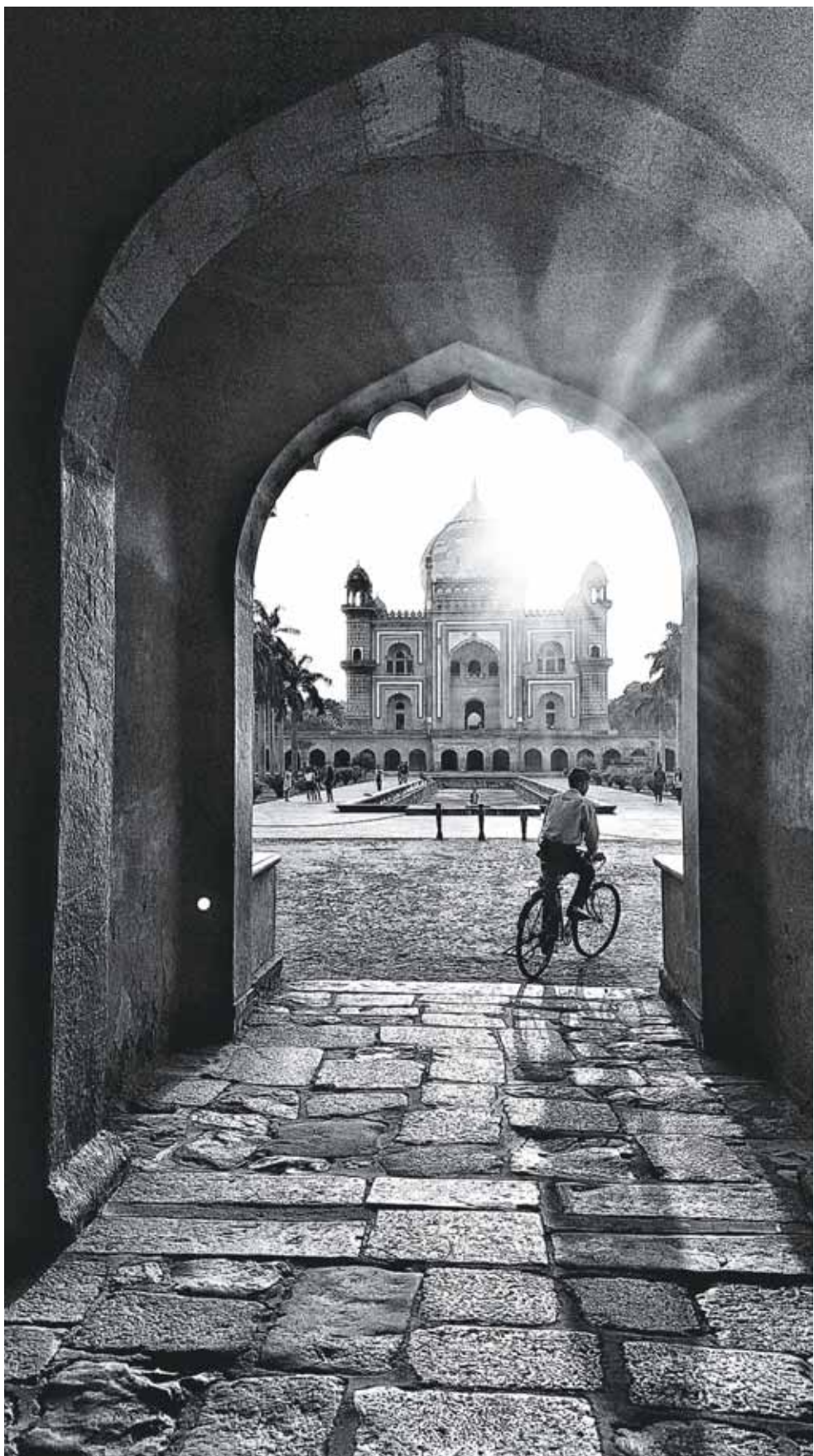
THE HISTORIAN'S EYE

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

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



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



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



Jantar Mantar, Delhi; Archival Pigment Print



Jantar Mantar, Jaipur; Archival Pigment Print

Killing off Kurds to resurrect ISIS?



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

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



SWARN KUMAR ANAND

Ten days after launching a long-anticipated military assault on the Kurdish People's Protection Units (YPG) militia in northeastern Syria, Turkey on October 18 agreed to the US-brokered five-day ceasefire on the condition that the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) would withdraw from the proposed "safe zone" within the stipulated period. However, the terms and conditions, set by Turkey, hint at an ominous future for the region. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has threatened to escalate Operation Peace Spring if the SDF fails to leave the safe zone buffer along the Turkish border. "If the promises are kept until Tuesday evening, the safe zone issue will be resolved. If it fails, the operation will start the minute 120 hours are over," he said. However, claims and counterclaims about the ceasefire conditions have already doomed the agreement. Soon after the truce declaration, the SDF claimed the deal covers only a 12-km stretch, disputing Erdogan's announcement that the "safe zone" would spread 30 km deep inside Syria and 440 km along the border with Turkey. Moreover, the sanctity of the agreement has been disrespected with both the sides accusing each other of violating the ceasefire agreement. European countries, particularly France, which condemned Turkey's invasion, are sceptical of the intention of the Erdogan Government. According to European Council President Donald Tusk, the ceasefire "is a demand (for the) capitulation of the Kurds", and the world community must not abandon the Kurdish partners. In fact, Turkey-Kurds conflict has a long history and the

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

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

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

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Syria pullback strategic nightmare, says US Senate majority leader

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

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



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

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