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# CHANDAMAMA NO MORE DOOR KE!

As Chandrayaan-2 landed near the Moon's uncharted territory in the early hours of Saturday, it was not only India but the entire world waited with bated breath for the softlanding of the "Vikram" lander on the south pole of the lunar surface, the first attempt by any country.

The euphoria was visible among domestic and international scientist community.

Former NASA astronaut Jerry Linenger — who flew on Russian space station Mir that operated in low Earth orbit from 1986 to 2001 for five months - said, "It's a fantastic mission, everybody should be so excited. And I'm going to be sitting on the edge of my seat. And it's a privilege for me to be here, lending some expertise to that live broadcast."

The US space community believes that the landmark mission would help them enrich their understanding of the moon's geology. The Indian Embassy in Washington arranged a live screening and presentation on Chandrayaan-2's landing.

Now moon's south pole is likely to become one of the most important places on the lunar surface, said Space.Com, adding that it will become the southernmost spot on the moon to be visited by a spacecraft. "It will be in completely new terrain," Brett Denevi, a planetary scientist at Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, told scientific journal Nature.

Airbase on Friday night to witness from an ISRO centre in Bengaluru the planned landing of Vikram on the lunar surface. "I am extremely excited to be at the ISRO Centre in Bengaluru to witness the extraordinary moment in the history of India's space programme," Modi tweeted.

A few hours after Vikram touches down on the moon, rover "Pragyaan" will emerge from the lander and roll out onto the lunar surface between 5.30 am and 6.30 am.

In a short video, ISRO explained about Pragyaan. The cubical vehicle, exclusively designed for travelling on the moon, is fitted with a solar panel. Two navigation cameras, which could be called as its left and right eye, are mounted on top of it besides an Alpha particle X-ray spectrometer, receive and transmit antenna and rocker bogie assembly.

Soon after rolling on the moon soil, Pragyaans battery will be activated to release its solar panel. The scans of the rover will be relayed to Vikram and then earth and it will be processed at mission control for path planning. Subsequently, instructions for the rovers movement will be transmitted back to it. The six wheels of the rover are attached with "rocker bogie" to overcome obstacles as it moves forward.

It can even cross obstacles at ease with a movement range of 50 mm upwards and downwards, according to ISRO.

While controlling its movement, the Mission Control Station of the ISRO will pass on Prime Minister Narendra instructions to Pragyaan to mental composition of the



**VIKRAM PAYLOADS** 

down to a depth of ~10 cm

stop and determine the ele-

mental composition of lunar

rocks and soil using a payload called APXS on the front, right

load called LIBS just below

Praagyaan near the right side frontal wheel to derive the ele-

There will be another pay

below the two cameras.

The lunar ionosphere is a highly dynamic plasma environment. Langmuir probes, such as RAMBHA, have proven to be an

effective diagnostic tool to gain information in such conditions

ChaSTE measures the vertical temperature gradient and thermal conductivity of the lunar surface. It consists of a thermal probe

(sensors and a heater) that is inserted into the lunar regolith

Instrument for Lunar Seismic Activity (ILSA)
ILSA is a triple axis, MEMS-based seismometer that can detect

minute ground displacement, velocity, or acceleration caused

lunar surface.

The rover will move around at a maximum range of

500 metres from Vikram. Its

mission period is of 14 earth

days during which time, vari-

ous tests will be conducted. The

mission objective is to locate

presence of water and miner-

als on the lunar surface.

by lunar quakes. Its primary objective is to characterise the seismicity around the landing site

KNOW ABOUT LANDER, ROVER **Lander** — Vikram

**Weight** — 1,471 kg **Electric Power Generation** Capability — 650 W The Lander of Chandravaan 2 is named Vikram after Dr Vikram A Sarabhai, the Father of the Indian Space Programme. It is designed to function for one lunar day, which is equivalent to about 14 Earth days. Vikram

has the capability to communicate with IDSN at Byalalu near Bangalore, as well as with the Orbiter and Rover. The Lander is designed to execute a soft landing on the

Rover — Pragyan Weight — 27 kg Electric Power Generation Capability — 50 W

Chandrayaan 2's

Rover is a 6-wheeled robotic vehicle named Pragyan, which translates to 'wisdom' in Sanskrit. It can travel up to 500 m (½-a-km) and leverages solar energy for its functioning. It can only communicate with the Lander

Alpha Particle X-ray Spectro

**PRAGYAN PAYLOADS** 

APXS' primary objective is to determine the elemental composition of the Moon's surface near the landing site. It achieves this through X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy technique, where X-ray or alpha particles are used to excite the surface. APXS can detect all major rock-forming elements such as Sodium, Magnesium, Aluminium, Silica, Calcium, Titanium, Iron, and some trace

LIBS' prime objective is to identify and determine the abundance of elements near the landing site. It does this by firing high-powered laser pulses at various locations and analysing the radiation emitted

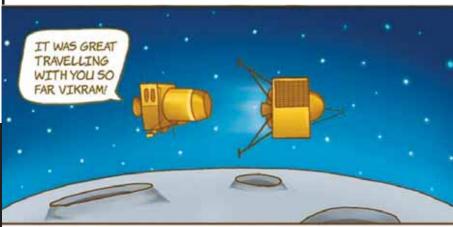
elements such as Strontium,

Yttrium and Zirconium

CHANDRAYAAN 2 is on a mission unlike any before. Leveraging nearly a decade of scientific research and engineering development, India's second lunar expedition will shed light on a completely unexplored section of the Moon — its South Polar region

This mission will help us gain a better understanding of the origin and evolution of the Moon by conducting detailed topographical studies, comprehensive mineralogical analyses, and a host of other experiments on the lunar

☐ While there, we will also explore discoveries made by Chandrayaan 1, such as the presence of water molecules on the Moon and new rock types with unique chemical composition







### States get cold feet as MVA fines raise violators' hackles

PNS NEW DELHI

The hefty penalties under the ■ new Motor Vehicle Act has triggered massive protest across the country with people manhandling traffic policemen at several places and some States, including BJP-ruled Gujarat, refraining from enforcing the Act. The Delhi Government says they are still studying the new Act, but the Centre has already implemented it.
States which have not

implemented the Act so far are West Bengal, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Punjab. BJPruled Gujarat has contended that the high fines do not seem feasible and they will implement the new norms only after getting a report from the RTO. Another BJP-ruled State Goa said the new Motor Vehicles Act would be implemented in

the State from next week. Meanwhile, the Odisha Government has decided to relax penalty norm for a period of 30 days, for air and noise pollution, following public outcry over imposition of heavy fines on violators of traffic rules.

"In view of long queues for pollution test in the State, the Government has decided not to charge Rs 10,000 as penalty for air and noise pollution from violators for the next 30 days. This is effective from September 6," according to State Commerce and Transport Secretary G Srinivas.

The Delhi Government has said it is still working on some categories of offences where it can reduce the quan-



tum of penalties. "Many States are saying they won't implement it. But the Centre has implemented it and States do not have any discretionary power. States can decide the quantum of penalties only in certain categories of offences. But the Centre has kept very few such categories. Maximum cases will end up in court. We are studying how States are saying no," Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said.

On the contention that some of States are reluctant, a senior Road Transport Ministry official said since this Act is a Central MV Act, they have no option rather than implementing them as most of the provisions fall in the Concurrent list.

'They have no option but to comply with the amended Motor Vehicles Act, which has several new provisions including higher penalties for traffic offences, as the Central law will prevail even if a State Government frames its own law. Motor vehicle laws fall

under provisions of Concurrent List and thus constitutionally Parliament can define the power available to the State. The States that are delaying enforcement of provisions may also face questions from auditors for revenue loss," said the official.

Ministry officials said the penalties notified by the Centre are minimum and the States have the power to increase them 10 fold, for instance if the drunk driving penalty is ₹10,000 it is up to the State whether it wants to continue with this minimum Centre's notified penalty or revise to the maximum of ₹1 lakh.

While Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari said steep penal-ties under the amended Motor Vehicles Act are not meant to collect fines but to ensure that people do not violate the law, the new regulations have seen collection of a whopping ₹1.41 crore through challans in just four days in two States since its implementation as records the availability.

### Won't let you splurge public money GK lingerie store films on free Metro ride: SC to AAP Govt

Bear land cost for Ph-IV with Centre equally, Delhi Govt told

PNS NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on **■** Friday came down heavily on the Delhi Government for its ambitious proposal to make metro travel free for women. The Court also said the operational loss, if any, in the 104 -km-long Phase IV of the Delhi Metro project would be

by the Delhi Government. IV project would be borne by the Centre and the Delhi Government equally, in 50:50

The Court asked the authorities concerned to ensure that no delay is caused in the Phase IV metro project and the total land cost of ₹2,447.19 crore is released immediately. A Bench of justices Arun

> Mishra and Deepak Gupta observed that the Delhi Government should refrain from giving

freebies from "public money" The court, however, direct- and warned that it would stop ed that the land cost for Phase them from doing so as cour are not "powerless".

"If you will allow people to travel for free, then the Delhi metro may go into loss. If you will give freebies, we will stop you. You are fighting for a cause here and you want them to incur loss. Do not give sops, it is public money. If you allow people to travel free then it will be a problem.. if there are freebies then there will be a problem," the court told the lawyer appearing for the Delhi

Government. "Why you want to destroy the Delhi metro," said the Bench, adding, "Can you give sops and say that Union of India should bear the cost?"

### journalist in trial room **Owner deletes video** South District police, following

as scribe calls cops STAFF REPORTER

fter a 27-year-old woman Ajournalist filed a complaint with police alleging that she was filmed at a high-end lingerie store in posh Greater Kailash M-block market, an FIR was filed and probe begun,

said officials on Friday. In her complaint, she said the shopkeeper was allegedly watching the live footage from

hidden camera. The incident took place on August 31 and the journalist lodged the complaint with the

354C (voyeurism) of Indian Penal Code (IPC) was registered against "A-One Store". However, no arrest has been made yet as senior officers said the sequence of event is

which an FIR under Section

being ascertained.
"The Investigating Officer (IO) has confiscated CCTV equipment of the store and is trying to retrieve the alleged footage which appears to have been deleted by the accused," said a senior police

official. In her complaint the journalist alleged that after selecting 4-5 garments she went inside the trial room to

try clothes. **CAPSULE** 

ALKA LAMBA QUITS AAP,

## despot, passes away

Mugabe, the former guerrilla leader tuned despot who ruled Zimbabwe for 37 years until



First heralded as a liberator who rid the former British colony of Rhodesia of white minority rule, Mugabe used repression and fear to govern until he was finally ousted by his previously loyal generals in November 2017. "It is with the utmost sadness that I announce the passing on of Zimbabwe's founding father and former President... Robert Mugabe," President Emmerson

Mnangagwa said in a tweet. Mugabe died at

0240 GMT in Singapore, where he had been hospitalised in April. Detailed report on P11 an unknown body, and contacted the

### Mugabe, Zimbabwe's | Wrong corpse! Courier firm's body blow to grieving family

Asilly mistake by a courier company has left the family members of a deceased shocked as they received an unidentified body in the coffin while waiting to perform the last rites for their deceased family member. Seetaram Purohit, a resident of Shri

suffering a heart attack in Mumbai on Wednesday. His family members travelled to Bikaner in a plane along with his body, which had been packed in a coffin by a

courier company, people with knowledge of the incident said. On arriving back home on Thursday morning, the family was shocked to see courier which had booked the coffin on the flight.

Accepting their fault, the company said that the body, which had got exchanged with that of late Prakash Kumar (35), a resident of Odisha's Jajpur district, had arrived in Bhubaneshwar and they promised to restitute Purohit's body soon.

Dungargarh in Bikaner, passed away after Kumar's body was sent to Bhubaneshwar on Thursday afternoon, while Purohit's body was delivered in Jaipur, from where it was shifted to Shri Dungargarh in an ambulance Purohit's last rites were performed on Friday.

**JOINS CONGRESS** 

**New Delhi:** Disgruntled AAP MLA Alka Lamba on Friday quit the party and announced that she has returned to the Congress. Lamba, who resigned from the AAP's primary membership, said she met Congress president Sonia Gandhi and joined the Congress.

IAS BABU QUITS, CRIES THREAT TO DEMOCRACY Mangaluru: A Karnataka IAS officer resigned on Friday, claiming that the fundamental building blocks of democracy are being compromised in an unprecedented manner, a move that immediately took on a political colour with the Congress seeking to target the

NDA Government on the issue.

### Digvijay seeks high command intervention against Singhar

**STAFF REPORTER** BHOPAL

 $H_{
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m aving\ faced\ serious\ allegations}$ by Forest Minister Umang Singhar, senior Congress leader Digvijay Singh on Friday urged the party high command to act against the Minister.

While talking to media persons, Digvijay said that all

should maintain the discipline in the party and those breaching it should be punished, demanded Singh after speaking to the media in Bhopal. The senior leader also did not visit Singhar at his bungalow where he was scheduled to go on Friday.

Únfazed, Singhar chose his newly found medium of dissent

IS NOT A DIABETES PATIENT AND DO NOT LIKE TAKING SOUR TEA everyone should maintain dis-

MEANWHILE SINGH ON BEING ASKED ABOUT

**DECISION NOT TO VISIT SINGHAR AT HIS** 

**BUNGALOW GAVE A CRYPTIC ANSWER SAYING HE** 

Meanwhile Singh on being

twitter, to respond saying asked about decision not to visit Singhar at his bungalow gave a cryptic answer saying he is not a diabetes patient and do not like taking sour tea. This was a response to

Singhar's earlier remark in which he had said that he takes sour tea which he would offer to Singh once he comes to

Singh apparently made it clear that he has had enough and now the wanted the party high command to act against

his junior party colleague who has been spewing venom against him for a while.

"Kamal Nath is state president and Sonia ji is national president so they would decide on this issue (Umang Singhar)," said Singh adding whatever he has to say, he would put on the party forum. The indiscipline should be dealt with action, added the senior leader.

Clarifying his stand on recommendations made to the ministers, Singh said he had inked those letters on the insistence of party workers. To add, Singhar was apparently upset with Singh over his leaked letters written to Kamal Nath ministers in which the veteran leader had expressed anguish

that his recommendations were ignored by them.

Singh claimed that lakhs of party workers had come together to form the government and he was writing letters for the sake of these ground level workers. "I fight for an ideology and my fight would continue against the Bharatiya Janata Party," he added.



### JAH college dean pulled up over pathetic condition

A Division Bench of Justice A Sanjay Yadav and Justice Vivek Agarwal of the Gwalior Bench of the Madhya Pradesh High Court pulled up Dr Bharat Jain, Dean of the GR Medical College for not complying with their earlier direction to improve the conditions and medical facilities at the JAH Group of Hospitals.

The Dean in his submossion to the High Court informed that due to the volatile climate in August the hard patients had surged.

The PIL had requested the High Court to instruct the authorities at the JAH and GRMC to improve the conditions. beyond the capacity of the hospital and cited it as reason for not complying with the

The Dean also sought pardon from the judges.

Accepting the dean's applicomply with all their orders pertaining to the medical and other conditions at the hospital. The court further asked the dean to submit a compliance report also. Earlier this year a Public

cation the judges gave him time till 30th of this month to

Interest Litigation was filed by one Kamini Singh alleging about the pitiable conditions at the largest group of hospitals in

Accepting the PIL the court had issued directions on

various issues and had asked the hospital authorities to act in accordance with their direcorder had specifically asked the hospitals to distribute medicines at least three times a day, which according to reports the authorities have failed to com-

The HC had also instructed the hospital to install biotoilets at the hospitals and clean the toilets at least two times in a day. This instruction too is unattended to. Another instruction was to

set up a decentralized kitchen at the hospital. The court had also asked the authorities to set up a green lungs area in the campus. It was also instructed to institute a decentralized computer registration system for the convenience of the patients and also to avoid overcrowding in the registration

### Include 12 new police stations, 210 senior offices in CCTNS: Min

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

 $H^{
m ome\,and\,Jail\,Minister\,Bala}_{
m Bachchan\,has\,ordered\,to}$ include 12 new police stations and 210 new senior offices in the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & System (CCTNS). With this, Madhya Pradesh has become one among the leading states in the implementation of the progress criteria issued by the Government of India in the establishment of this system. Also, another promise made by the state government in the manifesto has been fulfilled.

The system will be technically operated in the State Crime Records Bureau at Police Headquarters. Integrated monitoring of 1061 police stations and 638 senior offices has been started by establishing CCTNS

command and control room. Information about all the criminals of the state will be immediately available to all the police stations through the

Electronic records can be maintained. Various registers and reports will be prepared with the software.

Continuous and intensive supervision of operations of the police stations will be made possible. Information about the arrested criminals and the recovered property will be immediately circulated in all the police stations. Character verification besides the information about the history and nature of criminals will be available at the state level. It will be possible to exchange information of criminals from dif-



Chief Minister Kamal Nath being felicitated during State level convention of Madhya Pradesh Shikshak Congress, at Samanvay

### CS takes steps to make metre data mgmt more effective

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

Be it smart metres or other metres, all related work and plans should be made keeping in view the next ten years. The IT team should be made more efficient so that the data of the power company remains secure. Additional Chief Secretary Energy Shri Mohammed Suleman said this during the inspection of the SCADA control room in the premises of MPPKVVCL,

Suleman said that there is a need to make metre data management more effective. All information must be available on one click. He said that a security system should be developed so that data does not

ACS Suleman observed the nies.

SCADA system which is Indore's modern technique of power distribution supervision and described it as the best among power distribution companies. He also gave instructions to reduce the number of tripping. Suleman instructed to send engineers of all the three distribution companies to Mumbai for further improvement and intensive study of SCADA for special

Suleman said that RDU that is metres with remote disconnection capacity should also be installed for consumers with low consumption. Managing Director Vikas gave information of meterisation, reducing loss, increasing revenue and other campaigns in power compa-

### Sensation in Bhopal: Woman's body found

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

Sensation prevailed in the area after a body of a woman was found sacked in a nullah near Flower City under Baghsewania police station area on Friday.

After the body was spotted

locals informed the police and on the receipt a police team reached the spot and started investigation. The deceased went missing on September 2 but missing

compliant was lodged on September 5 by her husband Jitendra which raises suspi-SDOP Anil Tripathi said

that the body is found in partially decomposed state and possibly she was killed on the day she went missing but at the

ascertain how she was killed or died. It would also be investigated that the deceased died on the spot or she was dumped at

The deceased used to live at Divine City at under construction building where the family used to work. She hailed from Chindwara. After the preliminary investigation the body was sent for the post

The police have registered a case under section 302 of the IPC and started further inves-

The husband would be questioned as he is the prime suspect in the murder, said

Meanwhile police have nabbed two persons including a woman who were involved in strangulating woman's husband to death on September 4 at Amrai under Baghsewania police station area; post mortem report revealed 26year-old man was killed.

The deceased Surendra Rajput was found unconscious in the morning on September 4 and was declared dead when he was taken to AIIMS Bhopal.

In the investigation police found that Surendra was strangulated to death.

Surendra's wife along with her acquaintance Raju alias Rajesh Kumar has killed him. In the morning on August 4 Raju entered the house and strangulated Surendra and later his wife informed that Surendra suffered cardiac arrest. The police have registered a case under section 302 of the IPC and started further

### House of RTI activist targeted, valuables worth lakhs missing

**STAFF REPORTER** BHOPAL

Miscreants targeted house of a RTI activist at Nishant Colony and escaped with valuables worth lakhs of rupees on Thursday; victim has raised suspicion of involvement of his close ones in the

Police said that the victim Siddharth Gupta's house was targeted and valuables worth lakhs of rupees were burgled. The victim lodged complaint after he found the burglary on August 31.

The victim lives at Danish Kunj and his paternal house is at TT Nagar area where his household goods and valuables are kept in the part where he used to live and used to visit. In one portion of the house victim's brother and his family

The victim has raised sus-

**Police said** that the victim **Siddharth Gupta's house** was targeted and valuables worth lakhs of rupees

picion that his brother and sister-in-law are behind the burglary. He asked the family members regarding the burglary but no one was aware of

were burgled

the burglary.

On August 31 when the victim found that the valuables have been burgled he tried to find the valuables but failed and later lodged a complaint with the police. In the burglary gold and silver jewelry worth lakhs of rupees and other valuables were burgled.

The police have registered a case under sections 457 and 380 of the IPC has been registered against his brother and sister-in-law and have started further investigation.

Police said that the CCTV footage of the nearby installed cameras would be searched in the further investigation. The family members have expressed ignorance over the burglary. Based on the details in the complaint and information provided by the victim, the police have started investiga-

## State conference on plastic surgery till tomorrow

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

The Department of Plastic Surgery Gandhi Medical College Bhopal in association with the Association of Plastic Surgeons of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh is organising State conference on September 7 and 8 at Hotel Palash residency Bhopal.

This is the 5th conference of the association.

According to the organising chairman Dr Arun Bhatnagar, it will be an academic feast in which all the plastic surgeons of both the States along with the invited country will have an the City.

interaction, lectures and presentations on all aspects of plastic surgery which includes Burn Care, Aesthetic Surgery, Microsurgery Trauma reconstruction and Caner reconstruction.

A souvenir will be published on this occasion which shall be having transaction of entire scientific program for the information of delegates the beneficiaries.

Approximately 150 plastic surgeons and postgraduate students shall be benefited by the scientific content and latest techniques discussed in the conference which has faculties from all over the already picked many a heart of

The association which was established in the year 2011 with eleven members has now grown to hundred members. it has been organising regular CMEs and conferences for the sharing of knowledge and advances in various cities of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh which could be used for the better and state of the art management of the patients skill congenital and

Some of the luminaries attending this conference are Dr Karoon Agrwal, Dr Anil Murarka, Dr SP Bajaj from New Delhi and Dr AK

tic surgeons.

acquired deformities by plas-

### 27-year-old man electrocuted at 40 quarters

**STAFF REPORTER** BHOPAL

27-year-old man was elec-Atrocuted when he was trying to connect wire in the power supply line at 40 quarters under Piplani police station area in the afternoon on Thursday.

According to the police the deceased Nitesh Kanojiya was electrocuted and was rushed to a nearby hospital where he was declared dead. Police were informed and on the receipt of the information a police team reached the spot and started investigation.

After the preliminary investigation the body was sent for post mortem. The police have registered a case under

section 174 of the IPC and started further investigation.

The man was electrocuted when he was trying to connect wires of his shanty with the power supply line illegally at 40

Quarters area.

The deceased climbed on the electric pole where he got electrocuted and fell from the

electric pole. The locals rushed the deceased to hospital but doctors failed to save him. It was not certain whether the victim died of electrocution or he died after he fell and would be confirmed only after the post mortem. The police have registered a case under section 174 further investigation.



of the CrPC and have started | An artist displays her dress giving a message of environment conservation during artists street carnival in Bhopal on Friday

## 1-day AMSB Seminar on CEMA, Quantum Computing held



PNS MHOW

Matching the pace of contemporary technologies, a one day Army Management Studies Board (AMSB) Seminar on 'Cyber Electromagnetic Activities (CEMA) and Quantum Computing' was organised at Military College of Telecommunication Engineering (MCTE), Mhow under the aegis of Headquarters Army Training Command (ARTRAC) on

The event was conducted by MCTE under the leadership of Lt Gen Milind N Bhurke, VSM, Commandant MCTE. Traditionally, Cyber Warfare and Electronic Warfare have been considered as distinct elements of Information Warfare. However, with advances in technology, the convergence between these

fields of warfare is increasing. The concept of CEMA integrates and synchronizes the functions and capabilities of computing and telecommunications or in other words the Cyber Space Electromagnetic environment. Converged application of CEMA will significantly trans-

form all future military oper-

The Seminar also deliber-

ations and planning.

ated on the emerging field of Quantum Computing which is being seen as a transformative technology with immense potential for many civilian applications and a game changer for the armed forces, especially in the fields of information and space warfare.

Quantum computers are the newest generation of supercomputers with a new approach to massive parallel processing.

The ambivalent nature and

potential of Quantum Computing is particularly relevant in the field of Cryptology.

It is stated as a serious emerging threat to current encryption methods and at the same time promises development of new encryption techniques for unbreakable security systems.

Understanding and ploiting Quantum exploiting Computing is therefore becoming an essential requirement for the armed forces with its emergence and impact of transformational nature.

Lt Gen Rajesh Pant, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd), National Cyber Security Coordinator, Lt Gen Rajeev Sabherwal, AVSM, VSM, Signal Officer-in-Chief, Lt Gen Dushyant Singh, PVSM, AVSM, Commandant, Army War College, Lt Gen PN Ananthanarayanan, SM, Commandant Infantry School, senior officers from the Army, Air Force, Navy and subject experts from the three services, academic institutions and industry were among the luminaries who participated in the Seminar.

The Keynote Address of the Seminar was delivered by Lt Gen Rajeev Sabherwal, AVŚM, VSM. He highlighted that the ability to leverage both cyberspace and electromagnetic spectrum capabilities as an integrated system will enhance the field commander's situational awareness of the 'cyber electromagnetic environment' and will no doubt act as a 'force multiplier' in achieving the

desired operational effects. Speaking on the occasion, Lt Gen Milind N Bhurke, VSM, Commandant MCTE emphasized on the importance of understanding the potential of CEMA and Quantum Computing stakeholders.

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## Campaign 'Pustak Yatra' to be held



**STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

 $T^{o\, bring\, back\, the\, days\, when}_{b\, ook\ reading\ was\ the}$ favourite hobby of people, a massive campaign 'Pustak Yatra' will be held. This massive campiagn will travel from cities to villages to increase the love for books.

The Pustak Yatra will be kicked off from Bhopal on Saturday. It will be inaugurated by Bollywood actor Rajat Kapoor at Rabindranath Tagore University. Pustak Yatra is an initiative by Rabindranath Tagore Vishwakala and Sanskriti Kendra and Vanmali Srishan Peeth.

The finale will be on September 20. This activity will be an ecstatic initiative to connect the book, readers and authors around the title "Books do things". It is to be known that during this time Literacy Day will also be observed. Vigyan Prasar and National Book Trust, New Delhi are supporting this creative cam-

While informing about the event Registrar of Rabindranath Tagore University Vijay Singh said that poetry, story and painting competitions at the Inter School and Intra departmental level had been organised on a large scale.

The winning participants will be invited specifically for the inaugural occasion of the vatra on September 7. During Pustak Yatra, book donations will also be invited. The collected books will be given to the needy educational institu-

Books available in travel vehicle will be available for sale, which book lovers will be able to buy at special discounted

This collective campaign will become a symbol of a new cultural consciousness in partnership with various educational, literary, cultural and social institutions.

Pustak Yatra will start from

Rajgarh and Vidisha. According to Mukesh Verma, president of Bhopal unit of Vanmali Srijanpeeth, there will be many multifaceted programmes to make book trips a massive one. During this time, there will be a vehicle equipped with books of different genres like knowledge-science and other useful literary books, posters which will stop at various places passing through different villages and towns in the form of rally with book lovers

in Sehore, Dewas, Ujjain,

Ratlam, Indore, Shajapur, Agar,

The selected schools will have programmes focusing on the glorious tradition of books and zonal cultural heritage among students, teachers and invited writers. There will also be interesting events of local and other distinguished guest writers, composition lessons and quizzes among students. 'Yuva Utsav' will also be organ-

### Basket Corporation Limited visits SISTec for placement

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

Sagar Institute of Science and Technology (SISTec) had witnessed presence of Big Basket Corporation Limited at its campus to conduct campus placements for engineering students of Computer Science and Information Technology

The drive was closed campus and was for SISTec Students of Gandhi Nagar and Ratibad comprising of screening test, coding assessment, group discussion and interview. The company has offered placement to 10 SISTec Students out of which Harshal Geete of has been placed internationally at Singapore as Software Integration Engineer with annual package offering of The drive was closed campus and was for SISTec Students of **Gandhi Nagar and Ratibad** comprising of screening test, coding assessment, group discussion and interview

₹8 lakh per annum. Aman Singh, Vanshikha Shrivastava, Suyash Sachan, Priyanshi Baghel, Kunal Verma, Syed Hishal Ali, Ambar Jain, Shobha Kumari and Sagarika Chauhan have also been selected by the company for the post of Quality Engineer and Process Analyst at various locations in

In campus placement drive this year, SISTec has witnessed

presence of over 21 companies offering more than 65 Job offers to its students.

Keshwendra Chaudhary. Principal SISTec Gandhi Nagar, Jyoti Deshmukh, Principal SISTec Ratibad and Prof Prachi Shrivastava, Head Training & Placements congratulated the students and expressed gratitude to Big Basket Corporation Limited for their participation in campus placement drive.

# Rewa district gets award for good child sex ratio

awarded at the national level for its consistently excellent performance in child sex ratio at the time of birth under the 'Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao' scheme. Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Zubeen Irani presented the award to District Programme Officer Pratibha Pandey in New Delhi on Friday.

Rewa district is included in 10 selected districts of the country. First the state was awarded by the then Union Minister for Women and Development, Maneka Gandhi at the national level in New Delhi in last January for better implementation of the "Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao" scheme.

Various awareness programmes were conducted in Rewa district under the scheme. Har Ghar Dastak, Shakti Chaupal, Nukkad Natak, puppet shows etc. were organized at selected villages At the same time, families with only daughters having acquired the highest position in the class were felicitated. Workshops, awareness rally, human chains, rangoli competitions were organized to prevent female foeticide. Janmotsav and Bitiyan Utsav was celebrated in anganwadi kendras. Women and Child Development Department organized workshops in schools and colleges at district and project level. Newborn babies and their families were welcomed in hospitals.

Rewa, Bhind, Morena, Gwalior, Datia and Tikamgarh are among the six districts of the state selected for excellent performance in the scheme. The child sex ratio at birth in Rewa district was 885 according to the 2011 census. The district was included in the scheme in April 2016. The child sex ratio then was 919 which has increased to 934 in the year 2018-19. **SR** 

### Rain relief from hot & humid conditions

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

¬hunder lightening and very I heavy rainfall was witnessed in afternoon the State Capital on Friday providing relief from the harsh hot and humid conditions during the

Cloud turned dark after bright sun shine in the early morning hours and later poured heavily with gusty winds and thundery activities.

Heavy and moderate spells

of rainfall would be witnessed across the state as active systems would induce rainfall and thundery activities.

Weatherman said systems inducing heavy rainfall are low pressure area north coastal Odisha and adjoining Gangetic West Bengal. Monsoon trough at average sea level is the center of a low pressure area over Jaisalmer, Kota, Guna, Jabalpur, Pendra Road, Jharsuguda, north coastal Odisha and adjoining Gangetic West



City witnessed a short spell of heavy rain in Bhopal on Friday

There is a possibility of

Southern Madhya Pradesh due

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tions. The monsoon is expect ed to return from parts of Rajasthan in a few days. Changes in wind patterns, increase in temperature, fall in humidity levels, clear skies with low cloud and formation of anticyclone are all signs of return of monsoon.

Weather pattern would prevail and several areas are likely to receive very heavy to heavy rainfall in the next 24 hours

according to the warning issued by Met department on Friday. The districts which are likely to witness very heavy to heavy rainfall Hoshangabad, Chhindwara Sconi, Jabalany Chhindwara, Seoni, Jabalpur, Balaghat, Rajgarh, Shajapur, Khargone, Burhanpur, Dewas, Agar, Sehore, Dhar, Raisen, Badwani, Ujjain and Guna dis-

In the past 24 hours several parts of Bhopal and Jabalpur reported good rainfall.

Amarwara recorded the highest rainfall at 12 cm of

### 10th Jagran Film fest in Indore, Bhopal

After a successful run in Dehradun and Meerut, the 10th Jagran Film Festival is being held in Bhopal and Indore from September 6 to 8. The schedule of the three-day festival has been released.

The festival will be inaugurated by Sharat Katariya, Director of movie "Sui Dhaga" in Bhopal and Satyanshu and Devanshu Singh, Directors of movie Chintu Ka Birthday in

Besides film screenings, the festival will feature In-conversation and Q & A with Sharat Katariya and Manjari Fadnis, Indian actress worked in several movies like Jaane Tu..... Ya Jaane Na, in Bhopal. In-conversation with Vivek Agnihotri, Director, Producer and Screenwriter will be held in

Story of 'Making of Chintu

Singh will be conducted in Indore. Taiwanese movie "Breast and House", contributed by Tainei Economic and Cultural Center, will be screened as India premiere in Bhopal. Sui Dhaga, directed by Sharat Katariya, will be the opening film and Chintu Ka Birthday will be closing film in Bhopal. Chintu Ka Birthday, directed by Satyanshu and Devanshu Singh, will be the opening film and Tumbbad, directed by Rahi Anil Barve, will be the closing film in

TVF's Original "Kota Factory" will be screened in Indore. Argentinian film "The Irish Prisoner" will be screened in Indore since Argentina is the country focus partner for this edition of the festival.

Earlier, the world's largest travelling film festival received an overwhelming response in ka birthday' followed by Q & A Dehradun and Meerut.

## Play 'Bhakt Puranmal' staged at Tribal Museum

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

devotional play Bhakt APuranmal was staged at Madhya Pradesh State Tribal Museum. It was performed here on Friday under Uttaradhikar series.

The play was directed by Dayaram Bhand and was performed in Kuchamani Khayal

In this theatrical performance, the audience got to see the amazing confluence of Bhakti Ras as well as Shringar Ras and Karuna Ras. The time limit of this play was about one hour and 30 minutes. In the context of devotion of this theatrical performance, it can be understood that completely losing oneself in the presiding deity is the ultimate goal of devotion and true devotion can only be achieved by completely destroying the ego. Bhakti is followed at three lev-

els - the stage of aspiration, the phase of the divine mood and finally the union with your chosen ideal or with your being.
The theatrical performance

is centered on character named Puranmal, who is a great devotee of Shiva. Puranmal's father's name is Shankh Bhati and he has two wives - Padmavati and Lunadeya, the mother of Padmavati Puranmal. Devoted by Puranmal, his stepmother Lunadeya is very irritated and

vows to take Puranmal's test. Lunadeya Puranmal in various ways and says that, look, your Shiva does not come to save you and will never come. Therefore, she conspires and takes the life of Puranmal. Finally, Shivji gives his divine vision to Puranmal and donates his life. On the same note, 'Bhakta Puranmal' theatrical performance in Kuchamani Khayal style ends.

Through this presentation, the artists inspired the audience present in the auditorium to be full of self-confidence and to be dutiful.

During the theatrical per-formances, Champa Lal, Tanaram, Dayaram, Kaluram, Shyam, Satyanarayana, Chamanlal, Kailash and Suraj mesmerized the audience present in the auditorium with their artistic dances. During the presentation, Hariram collab-Lakshminarayana on the small drum, Lachhuram on Harmonium, Jitendra on Kartal, Rakesh on Khanjari and Ankur on Manjire. This drama performance was directed by Dayaram Bhand. Dayaram Bhand has been associated with the field of Rang Karma for many years. Dayaram Bhand has directed many productions as well as

### Shooting competition leaves great impact on last day

Under the 12th Sardar Sajjan Singh Sethi Memorial Master Competition being played at Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy, the final matches were played at the event here on Friday.

Under the matches boys and girls players from different states showcased their talent. Medal was awarded to the medal winning players by ADG Upendra Jain.

Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy player Preeti Rajak won gold medal and Academy player Manisha Keer won silver medal in the final event of the event played today under Master Competition. Delhi player Vardha Sharma won the bronze medal.

Academy players Manisha Keer and Preeti Razak have been selected for the ninth Asian Shotgun Championship held in Almaty, Kazakhstan - shotgun, rifle and pistol. due to the excellent performance in the competition.

Tamil Nadu player P. Tondaiman won gold, Manavjit Singh Sandhu of Punjab won silver and Rajasthan's Manav Aditya Singh earned bronze in the men's event of the event.

Similarly, Rajasthan play-Veevan Kapoor won the gold and Manav Aditya Singh won the silver medal in the Tap Junior Main Event. In the Women's Sports Event, Punjab player Rajeshwari Kumari earned gold, Shreyashi Singh of Bihar won silver and Soumya

Gupta of Delhi won bronze. Chief Guest ADG Telecom Shri Upendra Jain honored the medal winning players by wearing the medal. Addressing the program, Jain said that Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy is the first shooting range in the country where training is being given to players in all the three modes

are being provided to the players through this academy with state-of-the-art sports facilities. He congratulated the academy's players Preity Rajak and Manisha Keer on their selection in the Indian team. He congratulated the players participating in the competition from various states of the country.

On this occasion, Joint Director Vinod Pradhan and B.S. Yadav, Assistant Director OP Harod, Vikas Kharadkar, Uma Patel and Shipra Srivastava Academy's Technical Advisor and Chief Instructor Mansher Singh, Chief Referee Amar Jung, Coordinator Sanjay Singh Tanodia, Shotgun İnstructor Hemraj Rana, Assistant Instructor Indrajit Sikdar, Rifle Instructor Sunita Lakhan, Assistant Instructor Jayavardhan Singh were

Visitors going through a lifestyle exhibition 'Expression' at Bhojpur Club, in Bhopal on Friday

### Shubha Mudgal to perform at 'Badal Raag 2019'

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

The legendary classical singer Shubha Mudgal will give her charismatic performance before the music lovers of the city. The Bhopalites will enjoy the event 'Badal Raag 2019' at Antrang Auditorium, Bharat Bhavan.

The event will begin from Saturday and will continue till Monday. Badal Raag is being organized under Anhad, the department for classical music at Bharat Bhavan. The threeday event will feature many renowned artists to present their talent before them.

The inaugural eve of Badal Raag will be adorned with the rhythms of Indian Classical singing by Shubha Mudgal. Shubha Mudgal is an Indian singer of Hindustani classical music. Her repertoire includes the genres of Khayal, Thumri

Pioneer photo

and Dadra, as also popular Indian pop music. She has received several awards and accolades for her artistic accomplishments, including the Padma Shri, awarded in

On Sunday, performances by Amir Khan and Nathliya Raj and Asit Goswami and Amit Goswami will mark the second day of the event. On Monday, Riya Jha and Madhura Chattopadhya will perform Bharatnatyam and Sohini Debnath will perform Kathak to mark the closure of the event.

While talking about it, CAO of Bharat Bhavan Prem Shankar Shukla said, "We began commencing Badal Raag from the year 2003 and this is the 10th year of this event being staged at Bharat Bhavan. Till now various renowned classical artists from across the nation have performed before the bhopalites and people too enjoyed them playing in the city to the fullest.'

'Badal Raag' is a musical and dance show featuring classical and semi-classical singers on stage altogether. This kind of show is being organised at Bharat Bhavan for the 17th time. Well renowned singers from different 'gharanas' of classical and semi-classical music and dancers will be there to present the show.

#### **CHANGE OF NAME**

The general public is being informed that I, Aditya Yadava, son of Dr. Anurag Yadava, a resident of 13/4. Emerald Shalimar Enclave E-3, Arera Colony, Bhopal (M.P.) have changed my name to Aditya Yadav, from now onwards, I will be known as Aditya Yadav.



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### **Teachers are foundation of** Students of St. Joseph School students' future, says CM

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Kamal Nath Said that teachers are foundation of students' future. If the foundation is strong, then certainly the future of our students will be bright. The Chief Minister was addressing the Prantiya

Abhaar Sammelan (Thanksgiving Programme) of the Madhya Pradesh Teachers Congress at Samanvaya Bhavan.

He felicitated the outstanding teachers of the Teachers Congress on this occasion. Nath said that there has been a big transformation in the education field. The mindset of the students has changed and the methods of education have changed too. With new technology and new dents to give respect to their

THE MINDSET OF THE STUDENTS HAS CHANGED AND THE METHODS OF **EDUCATION HAVE** CHANGED TOO

resources, how we can impart better education to our younger generation is a major challenge before the teachers. He further stated that it is needed today to connect the younger generation with our culture, civilization and rituals.

Along with the education,

traditions and family. Nath said that the teachers should not confine education to bookish knowledge only. He said that if our education system is weak, we will not be able to build country's better future. We have to stop disorientation among the youth and give them the right direction and vision. We have to develop such an education system that develops creative mindset in students. The Chief Minister said that our education should have such strength, which helps our future generation to imbibe the greatness of this country, its strength and the importance of

unity in diversity.

Nath assured the teachers that the teachers related promises made in the manifesto will be fulfilled by the gov-

# spread cleanliness awareness

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

On the occasion of 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, students of the Cleanliness Club of St. Joseph Co-ed School gave a cleanliness message to the bus and van drivers. An awareness drive was carried out by srudents in scho here on Friday.

Students tried to realize the dream of clean India which was seen by Mahatma Gandhi and keeping that in mind, the students gave the same message to all. As part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan by the Prime Minister of India, the students pasted stickers on the back of the bus and van to convey their message to the people, which reads "spitting means violating cleanliness"

Students then, stage drama

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and through drama, poetry and their speech students aware drivers to keep the earth clean and do not pollute by littering

garbage.

The students also gave a message tp their schoolmates that do not allow all the present bus-van drivers to spread the garbage anywhere and spread their pledge to contribute to the labor donation.

It is to be noted that this is small initiative of the Cleanliness Club of St. Joseph

Co-ed School. School Principal Father Melvin CJ said that if this work in creating public awareness then it is a true tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, father of India. The school principal congratulated and appreciated all the members of the club, students and teachers for their work. The event was attended by School Principal Father Melvin CJ, Manager Father Michael Sebastian, Sisters, School Staff and PRO

Vasundhara.

### Mahakaleshwar Temple declared 'Swachh Iconic Place'

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

Under the Swachhch Bharat Mission, the Mahakaleshwar Temple, Ujjain has been declared the first runner-up 'Swachh Iconic Place' in Phase-2 by the Ministry of Jal Shakti and Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, Government of India. The award was given by the Union Minister for Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat to Ujjain Collector Shashank Mishra in Delhi

Cleanliness and beauty can be seen in every nook and corner of the Lord Shree Mahakaleshwar Temple, one of the Dwadash Jyotirlingas. Cleaning is being done here with the help of modern

The award was given by the Union **Minister for Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat** to Ujjain Collector **Shashank Mishra in Delhi today** 

machines. Owing to this, temple arrangements have stood up to all the standards of cleanli-

The CEO of Jila Panchayat Ujjain Nilesh Parikh and Administrator Mahakaleshwar Temple Committee Sujan Singh Rawat were present on the occasion.

### SWEEP conference held to push women entrepreneurs ahead

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

Energy Minister and Minister in-charge of Jabalpur district Priyavrat Singh and Urban Development and Housing Minister Jaivardhan Singh launched Madhya Pradesh Association of Women Entrepreneur MAWE's two-day international conference on "Sustainable Growth of Women Entrepreneurship and Export Promotion SWEEP -2019", in Jabalpur. Women entrepreneurs from 21 countries and various regions of India took part in the confer-

Energy Minister Singh said that the conference will give an opportunity to small and big women entrepreneurs to move forward on the international

started from Jabalpur will take women entrepreneurs far ahead. Housewives and small women entrepreneurs will get inspiration and guidance to set up lowcapital investment enterprises and self-help groups to undertake economic activities.

The state government will encourage industries, small enterprises and cottage industries set up by women.

The Energy Minister said that women self-help groups are an important link for economic and social development. Self-help groups are doing good work in areas like uniforms, mid-day meal, handi-

anganwadi etc. These areas will be organized. Energy Minister said that Chief Minister Kamal Nath has invited industrialists to invest in

Madhya Pradesh to promote international trade.

Urban Development and Housing Minister Jaivardhan Singh said that women entrepreneurs from different countries are taking part in the conference. Opportunities in small scale industries will be created for the women from rural areas and cities of Madhya Pradesh in coordination with these successful women entrepreneurs. All efforts will be made to make them self-sufficient and selfreliant. Singh said that women empowerment is a priority of the state government.

The challenge is to bring education, awareness and selfreliance in women in rural areas. He said that it is necessary to promote women entrepreneurship for proper bal-



anced development of society. Lesbian, Gay Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) during a gay pride parade at Boat Club, in Bhopal on Friday

### Film Show under Jal Shakti Abhiyan held

Bhopal: Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhopal organised a Film Show under Jal Shakti Abhiyan at Govt Deaf and Mentally Divyang High Secondary School, Idgah Hill, Bhopal on Friday. Total 120 Mentally Divyang children and teachers of school participated in the programme.

The films based on water recycle technique; habits of conservation, Affects of water pollution on health were screened. After the film show, students told that they keep open the toti during brush but they are known by viewing these films that this is the wasting of water and our future also may be in danger due to wastage of water. Now, we took pledge that will not waste the

### Haryana Cong must forget past to take on BJP: Selja

MANOJ KUMAR ■

 $R_{\text{Selja}}^{\text{ajya Sabha MP, Kumari}}$ appointed as the new President of the Harvana P Congress Committee, says that law and order has collapsed in the state. People of all sections are unhappy, be it farmers. traders, employees, labourers, women, youth. Women in Haryana are feeling insecure and entire state economy is in a slump. She questioned, How 75+ of BJP can be an issue of Haryana Assembly elections.

The announcement of Selja as HPCC chief came after weeks of uncertainty and sparring within the Congress' Haryana unit over its leadership. She has been tasked with the responsibility of bringing various warring factions of the state Congress together in time for the Assembly polls in

The 56- year- old Selja, the former Union minister will have to bind the party together, rejuvenate the cadre and build a comprehensive campaign to take on the strong BJP election machinery.

In an exclusive interview with *The Pioneer*, Selja reveals her priority as HPCC chief and strategy for the upcoming Assembly polls. Excerpts from the interview:

Congratulations to you, for the new role. What will be your first priority being State party chief?

Thanks. It is a very big responsibility. I understand the seriousness of it. Assembly polls have come and all the leaders together have to fight the polls. The BJP is a propaganda machine and we will have to fight that out. Our first priority is to ensure that all the party leaders work together. I do not think there is an issue in the party. If any issue comes, we will resolve with consultation among the party leaders amicably. All the party's top state leaders will work together in the polls to give a strong fight to the BJP. We are confident of winning the Assembly election as BJP has failed in all

How you will unite the party when role of State senior leaders like Kiran Choudhary, seats in the upcoming



Randeep Singh Surjewala, Ashok Tanwar among others has not been defined. Many leaders do not know what will be their role in the party except contesting the Assembly election.

With the passage of time, things will get clear. I cannot reveal you everything right now. We will soon meet all party leaders and all issues will be resolved amicably. We all will work unitedly to achieve the set goal of forming the government in the state.

Congress lost all the 10 seats in the parliamentary election. What will be your strategy for the Assembly election? Are you confident of forming the next government in the state?

The party leaders and supporters must forget past and move forward unitedly to take on the BJP in the Assembly polls. The "Modi factor" will not work in the Assembly polls slated to take place in October. BJP in the state has always diverted people from "real issues" as there is nothing to show. Right now in Haryana, law and order has collapsed. All sections are unhappy, be it farmers, labourers, women, youth. Entire state economy is in a slump. Youngsters don't have jobs. We have to bring the people on real issues like price rise, women's safety, crime and employment to youth. With the support of the people, party will definitely form the govern-

BJP has set the target of 75+

Assembly election. What has the Congress Party set target for the Assembly election?

Setting target of 75+ seats by BJP for the upcoming Assembly election is not an issue for the people of the State. BJP is using the abrogation of Article 370 provisions as a poll plank in Haryana to divert attention from the failures of Manohar Lal Khattar government. Congress party has not set the target but the party will go to the people with the pertinent issues. It will secure the majority to form the government in the state. Youngsters don't have jobs, there is danger lurking everywhere. As there is nothing to show, they give one slogan or the other. We have to bring the real issues like price rise, women's safety, crime and employment to youth to the

**Factionalism in the Congress** is well-known. How you will unite the party leaders to give strong fight to the BJP in the

upcoming assembly election? I am repeatedly saying that the party leaders will have to forget past and move forward unitedly to take on the BJP. Everybody fights for his or her space and that is a natural phenomenon. Basically, we need to give respect to everybody and everybody has to also realise that we are all in this together and we have to take support from each other and work together. I think all of us will rise to the occasion, we will all work together. There is no factionalism as such that cannot

party of the country and has seen several ups and downs. It is a big party in which everyone will a have role, utility and space. Amicably we will resolve e issue with the process of consultation among the lead-

By naming Bhupinder Singh Hooda as the CLP leader and chairman of the election management committee for the Assembly polls, it seems as the party chief you have limited role to play in the assembly election. Is Hooda Congress Party's CM face?

The party has not projected anyone as chief ministerial candidate. Now we have to focus on fighting the election unitedly and form the government in the State. The issue of chief minister will be resolved after Assembly election results are declared.

Hooda had gone to the extent of criticising the Congress on the issue of abrogation of Article 370 and had also said that the party had no more remained what it was. Your comment

Hooda's remarks at the 'Maha Parivartan Rally' on August 18 has been a matter of the past. We have to move forward, forgetting the past. He has been given a responsibility which he will fulfill. I will also fulfill my responsibility and all other senior leaders will fulfill their responsibility.

Congress is apparently going with Dalit-Jat leadership in Haryana polls when the ruling BJP is seen consolidating the non-Jat vote bank under Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar. Your comments.

The Congress has been a party of more than three dozen castes. Even at the time of Jat reservation, BJP allowed the fire to blaze and increased the divide. They have a policy of polarisation. Congress has never played this kind of politics. Congress believes in taking everyone along. The party works for all sections of the people.

In the August 18 rally, Hooda's statement was that he would have four deputy chief ministers. How many Deputy CMs would the

Congress have after forming the government in the state? Hooda's statement that he

would have four deputy chief ministers was also a matter of the past. Now we want to forget what happened in the past Now we would move forward and the focus right now is to see that everyone works together. I emphasise that the focus right now was on winning elections.

BJP leaders say organisational changes by Congress will not change the fortune in the State assembly elections. Congress has lost its ground. Your com-

I have nothing to comment on BJP leaders. People know Congress is the oldest party and served them for longest time. BJP has failed to meet its promises in five years. BJP leaders know they are a failure on many issues. They want to divert from real issues that is why they are raising such issues (as Article 370). This is Haryana Vidhan Sabha election and they should raise Haryana issues.

What is your comment on BJP leaders' statement over "brides of Bihar" and "brides of Kashmir"?

BJP leaders have comodified women. They were earlier talking about Bihar's women, now State CM Manohar Lal Khattar is talking about Kashmiri women. These people think they can make light remarks about women. It is reflective of their mindset, what they actually think of

The Congress last governed Haryana Hooda was the chief minister for two consecutive terms. Having finished third in the 2014 Assembly polls, amid the 'Narendra Modi wave', Congress had even failed secure the Leader of Opposition's post. BJP says there is no opposition in the state. What new will you do new to give strong fight in the Assembly election?

BJP has become arrogant in five years. We are with the people raising their concerns from time to time.

Congress had worked for the betterment of people for consecutive two terms from 2005 to 2014.

### Industries must focus on using waste: Ravi Kumar

**PNS** ■ JAMSHEDPUR

KRavi Kumar, secretary, Department of Industry, Government of Jharkhand addressing at the 3rd CII Jharkhand Green Conclave, said that industries should focus on using the waste generated by itself as inputs for production. "Industrialisation is inevitable for the development of a nation, however, we should not develop at the cost of the environment", said

He industrialisation is inevitable for the development of a nation, however, we should not develop at the cost of the environment. During his address, Kumar congratulated CII for organising the conclave and making it a part of CII's flagship event calendar. "Our government has given a special focus to environmental sustainability", stated Secretary, Department of Industry, Government of Jharkhand.

He said that waste management is not only essential from a public welfare perspective but can also contribute to the state's econom-

ic growth if the recycling reducing negative environistry is promoted along side eco-industrial produc-

He emphasized on the fact that it is not waste until it is wasted. Kumar also stated that in an effort to promote green products, the State Government is organising Bamboo Artisans Conclave 2019 on 18-19 September 2019 at Dumka which will witness international buyers from more than half a dozen countries like Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Norway, Sri Lanka, and Bhutan. He requested the industry participants to attend the conclave and make it successful. Addressing the gathering, Neeraj Kant, chairman, CII Jharkhand State Council and managing director, The Indian Steel & Wire Products Limited said that Industry should see undertaking green initiatives as opportunity rather than additional cost. Green Industrialisation offers huge opportunities for entrepreneurship development.

Creating green industries that provide different types of environmental goods and services and contribute towards mental this juncture of globalization. He opined that consciousness and commitment towards environmental sustainability is more important than mere compliance to Government norms.Captain Dhananjay Mishra, convener, CII Jharkhand Environmental Sustainability Panel & Senior General Manager (JTO), JUSCO said that industry and society plays a vital role in Building a Green Eco system and significant initiatives needs to be taken to support the issue.A combined approach towards the greener tomorrow is the need of the hour and strong and sustainable Green Eco system can be the foundation of the green manufacturing and greener tomorrow.

The 3rd CII Jharkhand Green Conclave had particular focus on Government Initiatives towards Sustainable Jharkhand, Roadmap to a Smart and Sustainable City and Green Initiatives: The Wav Foward. Over 150 delegates participated in this important forum.



Governor Lalji Tandon felicitates a meritorious student at State level Teachers felicitation programme on Teachers Day at



#### **RSS's coordination meeting**

### **Art 370 abrogation, Ram Temple top on agenda**

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The abrogation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status under Article 370, the current situation in the Valley and the Ram Temple issue will top the agenda of the RSS's coordination meeting, beginning at Pushkar, Rajasthan, on Saturday, with its affiliates, including the BJP.

The slowdown in the econ-

omy in the country will also come up for deliberations, sources said. This is the first coordination meeting of the RSS after the BJP's victory in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

The annual discussions will be held on a wide-ranging issues including national security, the situation in the country's border areas and environment conservation, the RSS's publicity in-charge Arun Kumar said at a press conference in the Rajasthan city on Friday. He said no union ministers will be attending the meet as it is a coordination meeting of the RSS, its affiliates and allies.



Jagran', which works in the border areas, may give a presentation on the abrogation of certain provisions of Article 370 and the situation in Kashmir that will be part of discussions at the meet.

The three-day 'Samanvay Baithak' will be attended by RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat and its top functionaries besides BJP working president JP Nadda , general secretary (organisation) B L Santhosh and general secretary Ram Madhav.In the past, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had been regularly attending the discussions.

RSS outfits ,the Swadeshi Jagran Manch and the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, will brief delegates on the overall economic

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slowdown in the country, sources said. The Vishwa Hindu Parishad will share details of the ongoing judicial proceedings on the disputed Ayodhya temple issue, the sources said.

"Over 200 delegates of 35 affiliates and allied organisations of the Sangh will attend the coordination meeting in which discussions will be held broadly on national security, the situation in borders areas of the country and environment conservation," Kumar said.

Besides, issues around women empowerment, SC/STs, the issues of water conservation, development, employment opportunities and migration from border areas would be taken up, Kumar said.

### Centre to restore 100 wetlands in 5 yrs

Ignored for years, wetlands in the country are now all set to get their much-needed due with the Centre identifying as many as 100 of them to be restored within the next five years to help combat land degradation. Nearly 30% of country's land area has been degraded through deforestation, over-cultivation, soil erosion and depletion of wetlands increasing climate change Speaking at the 14th ses-

sion of the Conference of Parties to United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (COP 14), Manju Pandey, Joint Secretary, Union Environment Ministry, said the role of wetlands is very important in achieving the sustainable devel-opment goals (SDG). The SDGs are collection of 17 global goals for the year 2030 set by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015. Of these, 11 goals have direct linkages to

"Wetlands are finally being given due importance. Their role has now been realised. Under the government's scheme of 'har ghar main jal' (water in every house), we need to focus not only on bringing water to households but also get to the source and



conserve it.

"We have identified 100 wetlands across the country which are under pollution stress, tourism pressure. We will keep updating the num-

ber," Pandey said.

A wetland is a land area that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally and it takes on the characteristics of a distinct ecosystem. According to the the Union government publication National Wetland Atlas, India has 7.5 lakh wetlands. According to data, wetlands

hold close to 5% of freshwater. The official said states have been asked to prepare integrated management plan indicating "where exactly the wetland is, what are its character-

"We are mostly unaware of the size and location of the wetlands. So we have asked the states to prepare documents in this regard so that we can work for wetlands in the next five years.

"Most of the villages have small ponds, wetlands which need to be protected and a nodal officer will be nominated for each wetland and they will talk to people about wet-lands," the official said at the side event hosted by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) at the COP 14.

She also said the government has devised wetland health cards to give information on the wetland, including the boundaries defined, oxygen content and other basic paraSuresh Babu, Director of Rivers, Wetlands and Water Policy at WWF India, emphasised on the importance of wetlands in combating desertification. "Wetlands are disappearing three times faster than forests and half of India's rivers are water stressed. We need to reverse this trend to fight land degradation," Babu

Brij Gopal, Founder Director, Centre for Inland Waters in South Asia said that the British treated wetlands as waste lands. The importance of wetlands is such that the Supreme Court and National Green Tribunal have directed that even a half hectare of these have to be protected. The wetlands are also important for the water security.

As per estimates, 15 per cent of India's flora and 18 per cent of the country's fauna comes from the fresh water. It is estimated that if the shallow waters disappear, 80 per cent of the insect population will become extinct.

Manu Bhatnagar, Principal Director of the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH), said that 'Everybody wants a piece of land, but not a land with water. The country has had three water management policies but they do not address the problem of basin management."

#### **INSHORT**

KERALA PART OF INDIA: SC TO STATE HC JUDGE New Delhi: "Tell judges in Kerala that they are part of India," the Supreme Court said on Friday while taking strong exception to the State high court's tinkering of its 2017 verdict on right to conduct administration and prayers in churches in a dispute between two factions.

**BJP SLAMS DIDI FOR DEMEANING C-2 MISSION** New Delhi: Slamming West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for her comments on Chandrayaan 2 mission, the BJP said on Friday that she "sulks" when India celebrates and accused her of playing "demeaning and appalling" politics. The Trinamool Congress president had said that the entire "hype" around the mission is an attempt to divert attention from the "economic

**PREZ 3 NATION VISIT** FROM SEP 9 TO 17

New Delhi: President Ram Nath Kovind will embark on a tour of Iceland, Switzerland and Slovenia from September 9 to 17. President Kovind will hold talks with the top leadership of these countries and cooperation in sectors such as blue economy, science and technology, tourism and climate will be high on the agenda, Ministry of External Affairs Secretary (West) A Gitesh Sarma said

#### VP NAIDU WARNS PAK OF STERN REPLY

New Delhi: India has been acting with restraint despite "grave

provocations" but if attacked will give a reply the aggressor will be unable to forget, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu said on Friday, in a veiled warning to Pakistan. He made the remarks after launching a compilation of 95 speeches delivered by President Ram

### PLEA ON LIVE TELECAST FOR AYODHYA CASE

Nath Kovind during his second

year in office.

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday said a plea, filed by former RSS ideologue KN Govindacharya, seeking live telecast or recording of the hearing in the Ayodhya land dispute case be listed before a bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi. The plea came up before a bench of justices R F Nariman and Surya

#### FROM THE SUPREME COURT-

## Delhi HC to decide on in Unnao case



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Friday asked the Delhi High Court to expeditiously decide on the request of a special judge for setting up a temporary court at the AIIMS hospital to record the statements of the Unnao rape survivor, who has sus-tained injuries in an accident.

The special judge Dharmesh Sharma, who is holding trial in the cases related to the Unnao incident, had recently written a letter to the Delhi High Court seeking permission to hold in-camera proceedings at AIIMS for recording of the statement of the woman after doctors said it was "not advisable" to bring her to the court premises.

Sharma has informed the Registrar General of the high court that the CBI, the woman and her family have "no objection" to such deposition.

A bench of Justices Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose, also directed the CBI to complete within two weeks its probe and file the charge sheet in the road accident case, in which the rape survivor was injured.

It also indicated that if the special judge needed more than 45 days to complete the proceedings, then it may consider the request.

₹10 cr release to Karti for special judge's request travelling abroad denied

> The Supreme Court on Friday refused to release for three more months the ₹10 crore deposited by Karti Chidambaram with the apex court's registry for travelling

A bench headed by Justice Deepak Gupta said the amount will continue to remain in fixed deposit for another three Karti, who is facing proceedings in cases like Aircel-

Maxis and money laundering matters, had deposited Rs 10 crore pursuant to the condition imposed by the apex court for travelling abroad.

The apex court had in May too dismissed his plea seeking return of the Rs 10 crore. Karti, who is the son of former Union finance minister Chidambaram had earlier



claimed in court that he had taken the money on loan and was paying interest on it. the Supreme Court.

On May 7, a bench headed by the CJI had allowed Karti to travel to the United Kingdom, the US, France, Germany and Spain in May and June this year.

The apex court had in January also granted Karti permission to travel abroad

after depositing Rs 10 crore with the secretary general of

The court, on the Enforcement Directorate's request, had earlier asked Karti to file an undertaking that he would return to India and cooperate with the investigation, and warned that if he did not do so it would "come down heavily" on him.

#### SC seeks response from centre on petitions challenging UAPA amendments

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday sought a response from the Centre on petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the amendments made in the UAPA.

The petitions challenges the changes to the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act on various grounds, including that these infringed upon fundamental rights of citizens and empowered agencies to declare a person a terrorist.

A bench comprising Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justice Ashok Bhushan issued notices to the central government on petitions filed by Sajal Awasthi and an NGO, Association for Protection of Civil Rights (APCR).

The bill for amendments to e UAPA was passed by



received the President's assent on August 9. The amended Act allows the Centre to designate individuals as terrorists and seize their properties.

The Unlawful Activities

(Prevention) Amendment Act, 2019 also provides for putting a travel ban on such individuals once they are declared as

The petition filed by APCR said the amendments infringed upon the fundamental right to reputation and dignity under Article 21 of the Constitution, without substantive and procedural due process

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, MPs and staff members participate in the Fit India Movement at Parliament House in New Delhi

### Exposure to 2.5 pm can lead to dementia later

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

f you are exposed over a long Ltime to two air pollutants particulate matter 2.5' and nitrous oxide', which are both commonly found in cities around the world, there is a high chance that you risk of developing dementia later in life, according to a study published in the Journal of Alzheimer's Disease.

"This is concerning because the World Health Organisation (WHO) estimates 91 per cent of the world's population lives in places where air quality exceeds WHO guideline limits," Study co-author Neuroscience Research Australia's Dr Ruth Peters said.

He added that it's difficult for people to reduce exposure if they live where pollution levels are high.

Dementia is a neurodegenerative disease — characterized by a decline in performance and cognitive impairment in multiple domains and affects a person's independence in doing activities of daily living.
"This research shows that

government regulation that reduces our exposure to air pollution has a huge potential health and economic benefit."

Researchers believe air pollutants can increase inflammation in bodies and raise the risk of having a stroke, which increases the likelihood of developing dementia. Preventing dementia is a focus because it has become a growing health problem, which affects some 50 million people around the world.

The WHO estimates that nearly 10 million people each year develop the condition.

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#### FIGHTING FIT

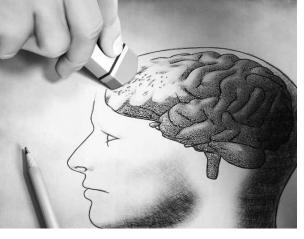
☐ Pay attention to your overall health

Exercise regularly

Maintain a healthy weight

☐ Regulate blood sugar levels

☐ Keep cholesterol within recommended limits ☐ Give up unhealthy habits including drinking and smoking



Canada, Sweden, Taiwan, United Kingdom and the United States.

The study is important in the context of India which is home to 15 of the 20 most polluted cities in the world with some studies indicating nearly 700 million Indians are exposed to unhealthy air.

Moreover, with the increase in the elderly population, there would be a proportionate rise in elderly suffering from dementia as the prevalence of dementia in the elderis 5 per cent-7 per cent.

In absolute terms, there are about 35.6 million people living in the world currently with dementia and 7.7 million new cases of dementia added every year, i.e., nearly one case every 4 with highest projections in South Asian nations such as India and China.

Over a million Indians died in 2017 because of the country's dirty air, according to the Global Burden of Disease Study.

However, not much is being done by the world governments who are failing to address the dementia crisis, as per Alzheimer's Disease Înternational (ADI).

Globally only 31 national plans exist, including just 26 WHO Member States, while up to 34 are in development.

In the last two years only two countries (Chile and Qatar) have created plans, meaning current rate the 2025 target of developing plans will not be reached, said Paola Barbarino,

### IMD starts experiment on impact of rain in said region

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Besides providing weather forecast, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has on an experimental basis started a system to predict the likely impact of the rainfall in the said region. The impact forecast will be based on the inputs received from agencies like Ministry of Earth Sciences, ISRO, Surveyor of India, Municipal Bodies and Public Works Department.

The impact of rainfall forecast will include details on flooding of roads, closure of underpasses, water logging in low lying areas, occasional reduction in visibility, soil erosion, disruption of traffic flow in cities, localized mud-sliding

structures. At present, the IMD provides only weather updates with colour coding.

IMD Director General Dr Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said that the target has been set to provide impact-based weather forecast across the country. As a pilot project, he said that the IMD on Friday started providing rainfall impact forecast on a host of services in four Bhuvneshwar, cities-Guwahati, Ahmedabad and Srinagar.

Dr Mohapatra said that the information related to rainfall will also include latest update on condition of roads, traffic iams, localised flooding of roads and drains, soil ero-sion, possibilities of damage to

and damage to vulnerable vulnerable structures, water logging, closure of underpasses, damage to kutcha roads and horticulture crops. He said that the IMD will work with the state departments, disaster management authority and national space agency and collate geographical information system and geospatial information system, along with other socioeconomic data, including population and distribution of

The primary aim of the exercise is to provide weather information on a digital plat-form, with geographical coordinates giving locations for residential areas, hospitals and schools. "Instead of just giving weather information, we want

to provide impact-based weather information and risk based warnings, not only for meteorological hazards, but geo-physical hazards," he said. Dr Mohapatra said that

the accuracy in climate monitoring and forecasting has gone up over the years. He said the main challenge was "not only to tell about weather conditions, but also about it direct implications. "At present, we provide forecast only up to district level and now we need to go deeper to the block level. Har block mausam, har ghanta mausam (Hourly weather information for every block), that is the goal for all the 7,000

On the extreme rainfall in

some parts of the country, the IMD chief said that extreme rain events are rising globally. India is seeing fewer rainy days, but more extreme rainfall events. Climate change is a factor, but each monsoon has inter-annual variations.

The IMD has also predicted heavy downpour over Konkan, Goa and Telangana. 'Heavy Rainfall at isolated places over Uttarakhand, West Jttar Pradesh, East Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Assam and Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, coastal and South Interior Karnataka, Kerala and Mahe," the IMD stated in its All India Weather Warning

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— PAPER WITH PASSION —

### The endgame

Vendetta or financial skullduggery? With Chidambaram's attempts to stall proceedings, courts will have their say



or the last five years, investigation agencies have been playing a cat and mouse game with former Finance and Home Minister of India, P Chidambaram, and his son Karti Chidambaram. There are some fairly serious allegations against the father-son duo, most of them concerning deliberate financial misconduct and bribery. Authorities, primarily the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), have alleged that the two received kickbacks from INX Media. Many of these charges were first

exposed by this newspaper. They are pretty serious, ranging from wrongdoing, particularly during the approval process of INX Media and the Aircel-Maxis mobile telephony operation and takeover. There are several layers of irony in this case and the way the allegations came under the investigative lens. But the biggest irony is that both the agencies probing the case were once functioning under the direct control of Chidambaram. As a former Home Minister, he had unleashed the hounds of the CBI on BJP leader Amit Shah, who holds the reins as Home Minister today and surely has a board in his office that lists Chidambaram's tenure staring at him every day when he goes to the Home Ministry. There is also the irony that it is a woman accused of killing her own daughter, Indrani Mukerjea, whose testimony implicates the man, although it is a privilege afforded to prisoners to turn approvers not just in India but in the US, too, where this is commonly known as a plea bargain. But when agencies and systemic processes have been abused by the powers that be down the years, and circumscribed as we are in the politics of whataboutery, this regime will spare no effort to extract its pound of flesh as has been done before. So the larger question is of protecting values in public institutions, immunising them from political powerplay and ensuring that justice is done for its own sake, in its time, and not at the bidding of others. Or that it is not subject to tradeoffs.

Now it is for the courts to decide the validity of the allegations against Chidambaram. The senior Congress leader, himself a senior advocate, has assembled a fleet of the most renowned lawyers. Yet the courts, which used to give him and his son a wide berth, seem to have had enough of the bullying practices indulged by his team. The investigative agencies had until recently always seen him slip through their grasp and the former Minister also appeared paranoid about being sent to Tihar jail, trying to avoid it as long as possible. There might be some merit in Chidambaram's assertion that he is a victim of political persecution but he did refuse to submit himself to interrogation in the past until CBI officers had to climb the walls of his house to arrest him. Unlike several other political leaders, his bravado in refusing enquiry protocols has meant that he has fared poorly in the public perception battles. That, coupled with the fact that he enjoys a very limited political base even in Tamil Nadu, have meant that there has been little outcry over his arrest other than by the senior advocates representing him. It is not certain that Mr Chidambaram will be found guilty. The Government will have to persuade not just the courts but also the public at large that the former Minister and his son indulged in unprecedented fraud and corruption. What we have learnt is that it is very easy for the political tables to turn as Chidambaram went from being the hunter to the hunted. We have also learnt that irony is omnipresent in India. Can ever justice be righteous in this country without the shield of political endorsement? Can it be free of arrogance and egoism of the feudal kind?

### **Civil disobedience**

Hong Kong protesters, braving arrests and insinuations, have shown that an alive citizenry can still make good



↑ t a time of monolithic triumphalism of nationalist regimes across the world, the Hong Kong protests showed how civil movements might just still be able to turn the tide. Hong Kong's Chief Executive Carrie Lam announced the withdrawal of the controversial extradition Bill, the impetus that had led the citizenry to stage Tiananmen Square-like prodemocracy protests since June. The Bill acted as a catalyst for three long months, paralysing the city and forcing millions of protesters, mostly the young, to make their way on to the

streets, demanding its withdrawal. Hong Kong is bracing for more demonstrations this weekend, with protesters threatening to disrupt transport links to the airport. The primary reason is that Lam's decision is still not formal, considering her announcement has no value till such time she formally declares it in the legislative council. The second and more important reason is that the extradition law, which would have put Hong Kong's dissidents under China's laws, has set a context for speaking out against the infringement of the island's semiautonomous character as guaranteed during the transfer by the British. And now that activists have tested the power of collective voice, the umbrella movement will not just remain an outburst but a struggle for democratisation of the local government. Needless to say that press freedoms have been compromised over the years on the island, elected legislators disqualified and demonstrators and dissidents thrown into prison. And now that a popular push has resulted in a global opinion that even a mighty China can ill afford to ignore, Hong Kong's citizenry has decided that they won't settle for anything less. They now want the power to directly elect their political representatives, including the Chief Executive. They also want an independent inquiry into police brutality. As for the latter, while Lam has assured an investigation into the protest crisis, there's a clever twist. Instead of committing a new, independent inquiry, as has been demanded by the protesters, she has named two senior officials on the existing inquiry panel, members of which are appointed by her and answerable to Beijing.

In the entire episode, what has been commendable is the bravery of the demonstrators, most of whom have been peaceful. More than 1,000 protesters were arrested; they had to face tear gas, rubber bullets and some were even accused of being members of a triad criminal gang. China, in the times of social media justice, has little manoeuvering room as it cannot fall foul of international opinion, having had a controversial rights record, or dilute Hong Kong's cosmopolitanism, something it could encash for PR. With its own economy grunting and heaving, it cannot afford to risk a dent in that of Hong Kong's. Already, Fitch Ratings has lowered its ranking of Hong Kong, citing uncertainty about the stability of its business environment. The protesters, however, should temper their moves a bit and not assume that China will be forced into a retreat. In fact, the more violent the clashes, the easier it will be for China to argue for the use of brute force and ensure peace. Worse, it can blame the US for provoking dissenters to swing the trade tariffs and at least get nationalist opinion on its side.

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# Total lack of direction

The BJP seems to have adapted some of the worst tenets of Right-wingers and foregone some of the better ones. Its very idea of nationalism is flawed



AJOY KUMAR

he terms "Right-wing" and "Leftwing" are now a recurrent part of our discourse. They are used as labels for "conservatives" and "liberals" and collectively those who have a view on both cultural and economic practices of a State. Originally, the two terms were coined during the French Revolution when, in the summer of 1789, members of the French National Assembly met to begin drafting a new Constitution. Delegates primarily debated on the kind of authority King Louis XVI should have. The faction that supported the monarchy and who were more conservative, the aristocratic section, seated themselves on the right of the room while other "anti-royal" revolutionaries seated themselves to the left.

The difference between the Right and the Left wing is no longer about debating the role of the monarchy. However, stemming from this accidental birth, the principles on what essentially constitutes "right" and "left" wing have become more established over time. Right-wingers or conservatives are typically characterised with a social policy of macho nationalism with a strong emphasis on things like limiting immigration. In terms of economic policy, the Right-wing is typically characterised as one which focusses on minimum governance, where the role of the State is less of a grandfather and where businesses are allowed to channel and give effect to the demands of the economy.

On the other hand, in terms of social policy, the Left-wing is characterised as a proponent of minority rights, more economic equality and plays the larger role of the State to step in for those who need them. This is still a rather relaxed characterisation but I hope it captures the essence of the two sides.

These terms are often liberally used to describe parties in our country. To cite an example, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is often identified as the Right-wing party and the Congress as more Left of Centre. Such simple classification, however, does injustice to the complex political party system and ethos in India. The BJP loves to portray itself as India's Right-wing or conservative option. It furthers this idea through statements to the media. For example, in 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared that the BJP believes in "minimum Government, maximum governance" and will execute these values. These statements got the response the party desired as it tried to establish and strengthen its hold among middle class urban businessmen tired of the overbearing role of the State.

While the BJP identified the right pain point — that the State often turns out to be an inhibitor of entrepreneurial spirit — the past five years have shown just how disingenuous the party has been in tackling the actual problems of an overbearing Government. Instead, it has taken it one step further. From a social point of view, the role of "State" in our everyday lives could not be higher. Today, it directly (through laws) tells its people what

they can eat, where they can go, how to dress and who to marry, among other things. If this is not done directly, it is done indirectly through instruments of the State like the police or through more informal means by allowing non-state bodies to get away for attacking people who dress a certain way or eat certain things.

This is hardly the brand of a 'Right-wing party." On the aspect of macho nationalism, the BJP is an extreme form of the Rightwing. It would be acceptable, even encouraged, if it advocated a strong India where its people are steadfast about their beliefs and there is pride among Indians about the country. However, that is not the version of nationalism we see today.

Instead, what we have is a chest-thumping form of nationalism. One that is so loud that one cannot even hear a murmur of dissent. This form of macho nationalism displays a strong outer core but at the same time betrays a weak inner belief, one that is scared of editorials and of protest. This form of nationalism is less about building a stronger India and more about managing the Government's perception. In its social policy, the BJP, therefore, appears to have borrowed the worst parts of the Right-wing and foregone

some of the better ones. On the economic front, too, it appears we have been lied



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to. When the Prime Minister said that he believed in "maximum governance and minimum Government", Indians assumed that this meant that the BIP would reduce the retarding effect of bureaucracy and Indian laws on a doe-eyed entrepre-neur. However, this has not been

the case. Instead, the notion that the business and entrepreneurial community would gain from a "minimum Government" has been shattered. One had hoped the State would have a lesser role to play in terms of approvals or tax compliances. Instead, what we have been given is a scarier monster where direct tax authorities harass tax-paying citizens and exercise their wide berth of powers without any checks and balances.

Similarly, in terms of indirect taxes, the way in which the Goods and Services Tax (GST) was implemented has made it more intrusive than ever. The effect of this can be gauged by the comments made by many businessmen, who previously supported the BJP Government but have now come to realise that things are much worse under its stewardship.

Another hope from a conservative Government is stability of policy. This means that people, who are governed by a conservative Government, expect it not to change or alter its policies as per its own whims and fancies and ensure businesses are not affected. An extension of this policy, although it should really not require saying, is that a "conservative Government" should not attack or wear down a sector of the economy that contributes to the country's growth.

However, this is exactly what has happened. In a recently published article in The Mint, the writer argued how through demonetisation and a shoddy GST programme, the Government essentially waged a war on the informal sector even though more than 30 per cent of the economy is completely informal and over two-third of the workforce is employed in informal enterprises.

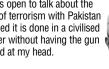
Therefore, this has made the "BJP's war on informality essentially a war on the economy. The ironic bit is that the current version of the BJP, with its Rightwing social policies and far Left economic policies, is closer to a communist State (like China in the 1980s) and fails to neither be a good socialist State that takes care of those who cannot take care of themselves, nor a conservative role model with more free markets and minimum interference. Maximum governance, Minimum Government? You must be having a laugh.

(The writer is former president of Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee)

#### SOUNDBITE

India is open to talk about the issue of terrorism with Pakistan . manner without having the gun pointed at my head

**External Affairs Minister** —S Jaishankar



It's taken me about 30 year From 'Sallu' and 'Salle' to 'Bhai' and 'Bhaijaan.' It has taken me a long time to achieve that.

Actor



Kashmir is Pakistan's jugular vein. India's decision to alter its special status poses chal lenges to the country's security and integrity.

Pakistan Prime Minister



There should be discipline in every party. If someone indulge in indiscipline, no matter how big an individual, action should be taken against him.

Senior Congress leader -Digvijaya Singl



#### LETTERS

**Mismanagement on the economic front** 

#### Come to the rescue

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Auto shutdown" (September 6). A dip in sales of passenger cars and commercial vehicles is a fair indicator of the direction and growth of the Indian economy. And it is not just these two segments but sales of two and three-wheelers, too, have considerably slowed down in the last few quarters.

Major transport associations threatening to stop buying new trucks is more bad news for the economy. In general, the entire auto sector is going through a troubled phase. The Government cannot be a mute spectator to this slowdown.

While all demands cannot be met, some, like the reduction in GST rates and two per cent TDS on cash withdrawal should be heard. When the Bharat-VI stage vehicles will roll out in seven months, the Government as also other stakeholders need to be on the same page and resolve all concerns. Like auto sales, commercial vehicle sales are equally critical for perking up the economy. Bal Govind

**Best batsman** 

alist sentiment.

Sir — It was heartening to watch Australian cricketer Steve Smith play exceptionally well on day two of the fourth Ashes Test played at the Old Trafford Cricket Ground. Manchester, Smith, who is now

"all-round mismanagement" has logic. When core sec-

tors like manufacturing, agriculture, real estate, construc-

tion, auto and services have taken such a strong hit and

consumption and investment are almost at an all-time

low, an economic revival needs more than tokenism.

Band-aids simply won't do. The quick-fix measures

unveiled by the Government do not suffice to undo the

damage caused by demonetisation and the hastily-imple-

again in the ICC Test rankings, made a massive comeback in red ball cricket after being banned for a year. It is interesting to note that Smith completed his 500 runs in only three Test Matches after hitting his 26th century and third double century on the second day of the fourth Test.

Smith is inarguably one of the



mented GST. The BJP came to power on the promise of creating jobs but the Modi Government has failed to do so or prevent further job losses. There is dearth of talent in the Government to run the economy but the failure to use the continued services of the country's best economists has cost us badly

**G** David Milton

ranked at No 1 position once

most accomplished batsmen of modern-day cricket as far as the five-day form of the game is concerned. After a continuous failed opening from David Warner in this series, it would be wise if he is made to open in forthcoming Test Matches.

**Tushar Anand** 

#### **Adapt to new changes**

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Do the crime, pay fine" (September 4). Just a few days have passed since the implementation of the newly-amended Motor Vehicles Act and people have raised a lot of hue and cry over the huge penalties the new law imposes for petty offences.

These are the very people who are least bothered about endangering human lives on roads. And they are also the ones who are more worried about cash settlement when they are booked for committing a traffic

The Act has the potential to bring down the number of road accident deaths, and most importantly, bring about a behavioural change. For the Act to be a success, it is also essential that traffic police is deployed in sufficient numbers and wrong-doers hauled up. There should be no room for corruption or bribery.

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### FIRSTCOLUMN

### It's people who make a nation

The J&K decision, even if required, should have taken people into account and carved a way that did not endanger its ethnic & national construct



nce the abrogation of Article 370 and the territorial bifurcation, a lot has been said about the situation Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) is in today. The 'ayes' vehemently deduce that apart from development, this is also a step towards full integration of J&K with India. The 'nay-sayers', while rebutting development arguments, believe that the move was more of an ideological battle. Development or not, it is the idea of full-national integration that needs to be decoded.

It ought to be emphasised that national integration is primarily not about territorial integration. Passing a law by locking down an entire State, without any say of local representatives and yet defending it through the narrative of territorially-integrating it with India, is no national integration in any sense of the term. It's the people and not the territory that make a nation and are one of the most important components of integration. People can be categorised as ethnic groups that coalesce together to form mono/multi-ethnic nations. It is these nations that further coalesce to form multi-national states or multi-national nation-states. Nations, thus, are a different construct from a nationstate: while a nation is a socio-cultural category, a nation-state is a political category.

Professor Ashutosh Varshney recently explained in an article how the recent developments in J&K are a reflection of how a State functions only within the ambit of political democracy and how it had sidelined ethical and moral components in the democratic ethos and norms governing a State. Exclusive political-democratic alignment empowering the imposition of the abrogation order is neither a territorial nor a people's integration with India. Perhaps Varshney and many others who have critically analysed the same are right in saying that it's a political implication of democracy only because such an imposition, in the absence of the legislative Assembly, has rendered the spirit of democracy null and void. Thus, such an imposition is undemocratic and hegemonic. To put it differently, this is undemocratic where the idea of national integration doesn't take into account the basic unit of social organisation, rather it straight away jumps to the level of statehood and deals with people in a top-down approach where coercion and conflict are inevitable.

J&K occupied its position as a multi-ethnic construct in the larger multi-national nation-state of India. India, which celebrates its diversity, has now stood ideologically intolerant to the ethnic mosaic that made J&K diverse. Pahari, Gojri, Kashmiri, Dogra, Ladakhi, Dard and Balti, each being the varied ethnicities of the state, coalesced with one another as nations under the larger nation-state construct of India. By bifurcating territorially the national-construct that J&K stood for, and that too without full support of the people, the purpose of 'fullintegration' remains only half-baked. Clearly the authorities were more than aware about the utilitarian meter of who would be and who would not be happy with such a decision. Choosing the happiness-index of one ethnicity over the other was certainly a deadly blow to the actual national integration of J&K. This decision, even if required, should have taken the people into account and should have carved a way that did not endanger this ethnic and national construct of J&K.

One may be open to taking into account the arguments of those who say that the ethnic divide between a Dogra-Jammu and a Kashmiri-Vale or a Ladakhi-Leh had already been transformed into a natural division which has led to hostilities since posterity. However, such claims are silent on other ethnicities like Dards, Baltis, Bakarwals and Gujjars. Without denying the ethnic rift, a belief in the effervescence of primordial bonds and faith that they might remain interconnected, are some of the ideals that citizens striving for a peaceful society must work for. And let us also not forget that such tensions emerge under the influence of external forces that are communal.

Unfortunately, the reorganisation of the State hit where we were the most vulnerable — a society divided into different religious communities, ready to be cast into various moulds depending upon the multiple political ideological shifts it might take. We have divided J&K and have nothing rich left to offer to both. If this is national integration, then we have had it at the cost of our ethnic deaths, J&K has died as a rich ethnic vibrant nation that belonged to this beautiful diverse nation-state of India, which celebrated diversity and protected ones that were endangered. I hope to belong to the same India one day. Till then, let us be mindful that homogeneity breeds autocracy and vice-versa. It is up to us a society to decide what we choose for us and for those who shall inherit from us: a homogenous, autocratic, racial, fundamental, casteist society that denigrates ethnic-cohesion, or a free borderless society standing united in diversity. If we choose the former, then let us break ourselves down into a million pieces till the last unit of individual dissociates himself from the larger whole and dies a self-death. But if we choose the latter, then let us associate with a giant diversity that celebrates its rich historic constructions. (The writer is a Ph.D scholar at JNU)

#### POINTCOUNTERPOINT

analysis

THE DELHI GOVERNMENT HASN'T TAKEN ANY DECISION. THE HOME DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE THE FINAL CALL (PROSECUTION IN JNU SEDITION CASE). —DELHI CHIEF MINISTER





IF AN ELECTED GOVERNMENT CAN'T PUNISH WORDS LIKE 'BHARAT KI BARBADI TAK JANG RAHEGI JARI', IT MEANS IT THINKS OF IT AS A PATRIOTIC SLOGAN. —DELHI BJP PRESIDENT

# Building block of economy

Homelessness is a big challenge. A decent shelter for the poor can catalyse overall economic growth and micro-housing is one way to do this



MOIN QAZI

ne of the most challenging problems of our times is homelessness. While we continue to record improvements in dealing with poverty, homelessness has elicited but an unimaginative response from policy doctors. The apathetic approach of successive Governments is symptomatic of the disease that ails India's housing sys-

A decent habitat and shelter for the underprivileged can contribute not just to their wellbeing but also catalyse overall economic growth. It is thus critical to recognise housing investment as a basic, fundamental building block of economic activity. There is nothing more critical to a family's quality of life than a healthy, safe living space. Sustainable and inclusive housing solutions could bolster economic growth quickly and efficiently and hence should be given priority over education and health.

Housing is not a standalone issue: It is closely intertwined with and often the cause of a slew of health and developmental problems. Poor ventilation and inability to maintain basic hygiene are major causes of poor health. Fragile building structures undermine safety and vastly increase vulnerability to disaster. Lack of lighting and space limits the ability of children to study. Inadequate privacy and lack of sanitation contribute to a host privacy and lack of sanitation contribute to a host

of diseases, thereby perpetuating poverty.

For many people in the developing world, the land on which they live is their only asset. If that property is not publicly recognised as belonging to them, they lose out on social benefits.

Land ownership is often the bedrock of other **development interventions:** Owning land boosts nutrition, educational outcomes and gender equality. The converse is equally true. Where land security is absent or weak — that is, when men and women do not receive recognised legal rights to their land and can thus be easily displaced without recourse - development efforts flounder, undermining conservation efforts, seeding injustice and conflict and frustrating efforts to escape

For most of India's poor and the vulnerable, secure property rights, including land tenure, make for a rare accessible luxury. Many who live in slums ave little to no control over or ownership of the property they live on. The lack of official land titles is a major impediment to the acquisition of housing finance. People do not have documentary proof of being owners of the piece of land on which they live and are, therefore, legally insecure. Many low-income villagers have owned their land for generations. The formal financial sector is unable to serve them. Once titled, they could obtain access to several public benefits including loans.

Lack of ownership rights deprives people of basic amenities. Once titled, they can obtain access to several Government benefits. Even a small plot

can lift a family out of extreme poverty. Millions of urban citizens remain off the map, with the Government failing to extend basic services to slum residents by using the concept of opportunistic influx—the idea that the provision services might encourage greater migration from rural areas — thereby paradoxically increas-

ing urban deprivation. Traditional housing finance has not offered products tailored to low-income people but a range of financial institutions is applying good micro-



ACT IS NEEDED TO PROMOTE RENTAL HOUSING. A UNIT SHOULD BE FIXED BY MUTUAL **AGREEMENT** BETWEEN THE LANDLORD AND THE TENANT FOR A STIPULATED LEASE PERIOD PRIOR TO WHICH THE TENANT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE EVICTED AND AFTER THE EXPIRY OF THE LEASE PERIOD, THE TENANT WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE IN THE HOUSING UNIT





finance practices to housing finance. This is allowing them to successfully deliver much-needed services to economically weaker customers. Successful housing micro-finance providers have married the core principles of the micro-credit movement — peer-based borrower selection and repayment enforcement, close follow-up on repayment and so on — with the technical expertise required to investigate land

In response to the non-availability of tangible collateral from low-income households, as required by the formal financial sector, a new stream of lending has emerged, called housing microfinance. Institutionalised micro-finance systems have come up with innovative

These draw on the best practices in noted to the cro-finance but remain a classical housing finance paradigm. This has been highly successful wherever Governments are offering longterm tenancies and shared-ownership housing in a supportive context. But the sector is still in need of a more sustainable business model to grow.

Housing micro-finance is broadly defined as small, non-mortgage-backed loans dedicated to housing activities, offered in sequences to support the incremental building practices of lowincome populations. It can include a range of financial services that support improving or upgrading housing such as home repair and expansions, additional cooking space, water and sanitation services, energy efficiency upgrades, the purchase of inhabitable land or permanent structures and the construction of new housing.

The demand for housing microfinance is high. Clients already chan- There is clearly need for replacing cur-

nelise a good portion of micro-enterprise loans to home improvement. Microentrepreneurs often use their homes as productive assets in generating income. A home can be a place to store inventory, produce goods and run a business. A home is a personal asset that usually appreciates in value over time. Home improvement, thus, not only enhances living conditions but is also an invest-

The housing sector demands a high level of creativity. There is a lot to be done across a range of policy areas to improve the functioning of different aspects of our housing system. The conventional bureaucratic approach and thinking of business-as-usual can merely scratch the surface of the problem. The stresses are mounting fast and India needs to start talking very seriously about the elephant in the room. For any planned interventions to be successful, hard-coded timelines are required. These timelines should be insulated from political turbulence.

One major cause of India's aggravating problem is the weak legal structure for handling rental housing. According to census data, the share of rental housing in total housing fell from 54 per cent in 1961 to 28 per cent in 2011. That year, despite a severe shortage of rental housing, 11.09 million urban properties remained vacant across India. In most States in India, traditionally, rent control laws have disproportionately protected the tenant. Consequently, we have the paradoxical situation of unsatisfied demand for rental housing while many units lie vacant.

It is time the Government puts rental housing to use. Its share in overall housing has been steadily declining. rent rent control laws with a modern tenancy law, which would give full freedom to tenants and owners to negotiate the rent and the length of the lease. Rules with respect to eviction also need to be reformed to restore balance between the rights of tenants and the owners.

We need a differently structured and more professional market rental sector. A Model Rent Act is needed to promote rental housing. A unit should be fixed by mutual agreement between the landlord and the tenant for a stipulated lease period prior to which the tenant will not be allowed to be evicted and after the expiry of the lease period, the tenant will not be permitted to continue in the housing unit.

The leadership class repeatedly

turns to policies that sound appealing but are doomed to fail. Then their failure ensures that the country won't face the issue head on. The lack of enthusiasm and attention from actors in the ecosystem that has surrounded affordable housing has been quite dispirited. There have been remarkably lukewarm endorsements from many of the very people who dreamed up the new poli-

Policy-makers, financial institutions and housing experts need to evaluate their current policies, cultures, and ways of working. With a thoughtful approach, they can be better prepared to tackle this humongous problem. The country's impressive economic growth must translate to faster progress in this critical area. The Government will have to change course and shift away from the legacy mindset before the problem gets out of hand.

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## Apt writer for a political narrative

A self-made man, Arun Jaitley rose in politics solely by dint of his hard work and due to sheer merit, intelligence and his persuasive ways in dealing with opponents and handling conflicting issues



**⊣**he passing away of Arun Jaitley at the age of 66, when most Indian politicians are considered mature enough to soldier top constitutional posts, is a severe blow to the intelligentsia and the politics of understanding.

Though few can dispute that the former Finance Minister was an astute politician, a brilliant legal mind and a wonderful orator, what made him even more remarkable was the fact that he kept his razor-sharp mind active through his blogs till the very end of his life, knowing fully well that his days were numbered.

Despite his protracted illness, he never showed any inkling of nervousness in his writing and kept on serving his party, the Bharatiya Janata his peers and con-Party (BJP), the Government and the temporaries but also country with aplomb.

It is a matter of sadness that the BJP in less than two years has lost its four top articulate leaders in Arun Jaitley, Sushma Swaraj, Manohar Parrikar and Ananth Kumar, all at relatively young ages. Jaitley joined the BJP during his college days in the early 70s through the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) when most of his peers were making a beeline for the Congress offices. A young man at that time, he doggedfought and went to jail during the Émergency. Later, he joined the legal profession and for years on end, he became one of the best and most articulate lawyers ever seen in the Delhi High Court and the Supreme

A self-made man, Jaitley rose in politics solely by dint of his hard work and due to sheer merit, intelligence and his persuasive ways in dealing with conflicting issues. Over the years he became an indispensible part of the BJP's politics and his formidable talent was recognised not just by

by his opponents in law and politics.

He was deeply involved in supporting his long-time friend Narendra Modi and Amit Shah when all were determined to finish them off in the aftermath of the February 2002 Godhra train car-

nage and during their incarceration in the Sohrabuddin Sheikh encounter case and other cases slapped by the United Progressive Alliance (ÚPA) regime through the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

He wrote a detailed letter as Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha to the then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh narrating how the CBI was being used to target Modi and Shah.

Though Jaitley's erudite account in the letter of the misuse of the CBI



ruling establishment, it did expose the fact that a suspicious case was being pursued vigorously to finish the political careers of the future Prime Minister and Home Minister of India. Ironically, today the wheel of time has run a full circle and

Minister Chidambaram finds himself in the same position he brought these two politicians to, through CBI cases.

Jaitley's name will remain in the history of the BJP and the country as the man who promoted Narendra Modi as the BJP's face for the 2014 parliamentary elections. Together with Manohar Parrikar, he wove the narrative with a vision and in a persuasive manner to declare Modi as the BJP's prime ministerial candidate. The rest, as they say, is history. It was his eloquence, oratory skills and did not have a major impact on the irrefutable arguments that silenced

Modi's critics. For a long time, Jaitley was the chief troubleshooter for the BJP and Modi during his first stint in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

There's no doubt that Modi will miss Jaitley's articulated voice and wisdom as he was the man on whom the Prime Minister used to fall back upon for counsel.

The implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) will be remembered as Jaitley's greatest gift to the tax structure and financial reforms in country. With his masterly capability for forging bridges with opponents, he was able to synchronise the diverse interests of the BJP

and Opposition-ruled States. He made GST implementation smooth and later ironed out some of the difficulties that came in its way. As a Finance Minister he resolved the problem of insolvency of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) and finalised the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code. These were not mean achievements given that Indian banks were involved in multi-crore scams.

I got an insight into Jaitley's wisdom in 2004 when he was Law

Minister in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Government and I was Inspector-General of Forests in the Ministry of Environment and Forests. There was a proposal at the behest of the PMO just before the Madhya Pradesh and Lok Sabha elections to frame a roadmap for correcting the historical injustice done to tribals.

Jaitley corrected the Ministry's note in the presence of the Prime Minister and made it not only legalsound but had the foresight to see that this roadmap did not become a tool for increasing encroachments on

Such was his vision that he could foresee events effortlessly. Later, after the defeat of the BJP in 2004, the UPA Government enacted the Forest Right Act 2006 and today it has become a political narrative for all parties. Jaitley, the tallest and brightest BJP leader born post Independence, will be remembered for a long time for what he has done for the party and for the nation. Rest in peace Arun Jaitley!

(The writer is a former civil ser-





#### TESTING KIDS IS JUST WRONG

Politicians are right to seek

evidence that schools are delivering a good service. So there is nothing wrong, in principle, with gathering information in order to track progress. The problem with the UK Government's new baseline assessment of four-year-olds — being tried over the next six weeks in around half of primary schools, and intended to replace the tests previously taken by sevenyear-olds — is the idea's execution.

(The Guardian Editorial)

### Pak using social media to OGWs under radicalise J&K youth: DGP Intel scanner

Pakistan is sustaining terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir, State police chief Dilbagh Singh on Friday said the neighbouring country's use of social media to radicalise the youths in the Valley remains a "big chal-

lenge".

He, however, exuded confidence that the police and the armed forces will rise to the challenge as they had done many times in the past.

The director general of Jammu & Kashmir Police was interacting with a group of trainee officers from the able to meet the challenge. College of Air Warfare, Secunderabad, at the police headquarters here.

"Pakistan has been sustaining terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and a large number of terrorists have been moved to the launch pads across the border," Singh said.

He said social media was being used by Pakistan to radicalise the young minds in the Valley, which remains a "big challenge for all of us".

The DGP expressed confidence that the police and the



"The police enjoy a very cordial relationship with all forces. There is perfect synergy between the security forces and the police in the state. This fact has been recognised even by the senior functionaries in the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Defence," he

He added that the police also share a good rapport with the state's residents, which helps in management of law

During the interaction, security forces together will be Additional Director General of

Police (ADGP) CID B Srinivas; ADGP Armed SJM Gillani; ADGP Security, Law and Order Munir Ahmad Khan and Inspector General of Police, Kashmir, SP Pani, responded to different queries from the visiting officers, a police spokesperson said.

Earlier, Coordination, Headquarters, A K Choudhary welcomed the visiting officers, the spokesperson said.

As part of their one-year training, the officers are taken to the forward areas of Jammu & Kashmir and northeast. PTI

# in border areas

**MOHIT KANDHARI** ■ JAMMU

Pleuths of both the Central Oand State intelligence agencies have been directed to closely monitor suspicious activities of over ground workers (OGWs) in frontier districts of Rajouri and Poonch following restoration of mobile calling facilities in the region.

Following fresh reports of movement of Pakistani troops close to the line of control (LoC) in Bagh and Kotli sectors, the Indian army too has beefed up its defences while remaining in a state of 'high' alert to thwart any nefarious designs of the enemy from across the line of control.

Highly placed official sources maintained, "following restoration of mobile calling facility in the region after a gap of 30 days, the sleuths of both the central and state intelligence agencies have been directed to closely monitor the activities of the over ground workers in their areas

TRS party leaders not to react or give media statements on this

issue. With this, there was no

ernment side or from TRS side

However, the issue trig-

response either from the gov-

on this issue.

physical movement, sleuths of these intelligence agencies have been directed to mount 'electronic surveillance' on them so as to prevent them from networking with their handlers sitting across the line of control. It has been seen in the past that Pakistan army manages to target civilian areas with accuracy on the basis of inputs shared by the over ground workers of ter-

Intelligence agencies are also keeping a close watch on families, whose relatives live across the line of control and regularly visiting each other via Karvan-e-Aman peace bus service (Between Poonch-Rawlakote) via Chakan-da-Bagh in Poonch.

rorist outfits.

Efforts are being made to organise interaction session with the senior members of these families to convey them the circumstances and the prevailing security situation which prompted security agencies to

### Chandrayaan-2 to divert attention from economic disaster, says Mamata

**SAUGAR SENGUPTA** ■ KOLKATA

Hours before Vikram — the Chandrayaan-2's moon lander- was to make a landing on the surface of the moon, Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Friday landed a straight blow on the Central Government's face saying the "much hype" over lunar vehi-cle's maiden touch-down on moon's north pole was intended at diverting the nation's attention from the unprecedented economic crisis that

India was passing through.
Starting with a blistering attack on the Narendra Modi Government for trying to hijack all the credit for the development of India's space science Banerjee said, "as if the Chandrayaan launch is first in the country. As if before they (BJP) came to power no such missions were taken up,". The 'much-manoeuvred" hype on the moon mission was being done to divert the nation's attention from the "economic disaster that we are in," she



Banerjee, who was giving a speech on the "malicious implementation" of National Register for Citizens in Assam and what her ruling Trinamool Congress called a "diabolic design" to repeat an Assam-like NRČ in Bengal, also said that the "BJP leaders are trying to take all the credit for India's success in space technology and its mission to moon."

She said "if the BJP leaders are so much interested in what is happening in the moon than in Indian economy then they should acquire lands up there, construct their own apartments to reside their perma-

### Bengal CM writes to PM, protests against bank merger

Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday protesting against the Centre's unilateral decision to merge two public sector banks headquartered in the city without consulting the State Government.

Expressing concern, she said the merger and the threat of shifting of the banks' headquarters will affect the developmental momentum of the

Banerjee in her letter urged Modi not to go for the bank merger, which was announced on August 30.

"Im deeply concerned to learn that two public sector banks headquartered in Kolkata are being merged with banks headquartered in Delhi and Chennai respectively without any consultation with the state government or with the management of these two banks," Banerjee said in her letter to Modi.

The unilateral decision of merger of banks and threat of shifting headquarters from West Bengal will adversely affect the developmental momentum of the state, she

Banerjee, who is also the TMC supremo and a strident critic of the BJP, in her letter expressed her concern over the future of thousands of employees of the two banks.

I strongly urge you not to merge UBI with PNB and Allahabad Bank with Indian Bank and thereby also raise the spectre of moving the headquarters of these two leading banks out of Kolkata, she wrote in her letter to

The BJP-led central gov-ernment had on August 30 announced four major mergers of public sector banks bringing down their total number to 12 from 27 in 2017, a move aimed at making state-owned lenders global sized banks.

United Bank of India and Oriental Bank of Commerce will be merged with Punjab National Bank, making the proposed entity the second largest public sector bank

### KCR 'image' on Yadadri temple sparks row

**PNS** ■ HYDERABAD

nscription of pictures of Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao and TRS party symbol besides various welfare schemes of the TRS Government on famous Yadadri temple pillars has created a storm.

While the TRS and State Government are trying to distance themselves from the controversy by staying mum on the issue, the Opposition Congress and BJP have accused KČR of trying to project himself as a 'demi God' with this act at the cost of public money in the name of Yadadri temple renovation works.

Tension prevailed at Yadadri temple premises on Friday as scores of activisits belonging to Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Bajrang Dal and Hindu Parirakshana Samithi tried to enter into the temple to protest 'politicisation' of Yadadri temple by TRS Government in the name of temple renovation.



Heavy police force was deployed to prevent them from entering into the temple premises, which led to scuffle etween the police and the

The activists raised slongans against KCR and TRS and demanded removal of political symbols from the pillars immediately and conduct a thorough enquiry to find out the culprits behind this 'unholy act'.

Officials of endowments department and YTDA

gered sharp protests and criticism from Opposition parties.
The Congress alleged that KCR has been trying to portray himself as a 'Demi God' of Telangana State. TPCC treasurer Gudur Narayana Reddy saidm "This is highly condemnable as the expansion of Yadadri tem-Authority) went into oblivion as ple is being done with public money and not with the personal wallet of KCR. He must soon as the news broke out about inscription of political

> themselves with Gods," he said BJP warned KCR with dire consequences, if he doesn't immediately take down those pillars and replace them with acceptable ones, as per the Hindu temple norms.

realise that he is just a public

representative and not a king.

No one can tamper with the

santity of temples and equate

### After public humiliation, 23-yr-old Dalit officer commits suicide in UP

Lakhimpur Kheri (UP): A 23year-old Dalit officer has committed suicide in Uttar Pradesh's Lakhimpur Kheri district, alleging humiliation and mental harassment by a village head, a leader of a farmers' outfit and others, police said on Friday.

Trivendra Kumar Gautam, who had started his service as a village development officer (VDO) last year and posted at Kumbhi block, hanged himself to death at his home on Wednesday night. His body was recovered on Thursday from the rented accommodation at Shivsagar locality of Lakhimpur town, 130 km north of Lucknow, police said.

In a hand-written suicide note addressed to his father, Gautam blamed the district president of a farmers' outfit, the head of Rasoolpur village and the son of another village head behind the decision to end his life. A video has gone viral on the social media, purportedly showing the young officer being

humiliated at a public meeting. A man could be heard in the noisy video questioning Gautam's professionalism and called him a 'kaamchor' (shirker), adding that such officers should be thrashed with shoes and kicked out. In the note recovered from

his room, Gautam alleged that they were humiliating and mentally harassing him. The officer also stated that he was subjected to abuses and targeted over reservation, which, he said, is wrong. Gautam also stated that he is troubled and feels that he is a failure. He called for punishing the farmers' party president and the village head after his death. Five people, including the three from the farmers' outfit, have been arrested, Additional Superintendent of Police Shailendra Lal told PTI. An FIR had been lodged

under Section 306 (abetment to suicide) of the Indian Penal Code and various sections of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, and the Information Technology Act, the ASP said.

"Investigations are on and no one found involved will be spared," Lal said. Meanwhile, agitated over their colleague's suicide, dozens of village development officers held a demonstration at the Vikas Bhawan on Thursday. The protesters, under the aegis of the Gram Panchayat Adhikari Sangh, threatened to boycott work if the guilty were not held within three days. The officers also handed a memorandum to the district magistrate.

### AIMIM to go it alone in Maha Assembly polls

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Severing its links with the Prakash Ambedkar-led Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA), the Hyderabad-based All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) on Friday announced that it would go it alone in the State Assembly polls to be held next month.

In a statement issued here, AIMIM's Maharashtra president Imitaz Jaleel said that the VBA had — in the seat sharing arrangement for the State Assembly polls — allotted mere eight seats out of the total 288 seats. "This is simply unacceptable and unjustified as the list does not include the sitting seat AIMIM — Aurangabad Central," Jaleel said.

"After prolonged discussions with Prakash Ambedkarji lasting for two months, we could not reach a respectable figure in the seat distribution between my party and VBA,"

Announcing that his party would contest the polls on its own strength, Jaleel — who is the lone AIMIM MP from Maharashtra — said that his party would soon hold interviews for the prospective candidates in Aurangabad.

The VBA is a merged entity of political political outfits and groups representing Dalits, Tribals, Dhangars, Kolis, Agris, Banjaras, Malis, Kaikadis and other communities. The AIMIM was part of the VBA during the Lok Sabha polls.

### Hajela not efficient in discharging NRC duty, review needed, Gogoi writes to CJI

Guwahati: Senior Congress leader Tarun Gogoi has written to Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi alleging that NRC State Coordinator Prateek Hajela did not discharge his duty efficiently while preparing the final list published last week, and requested him to review the

symbols on Yadadri pillars on

Indrakaran Reddy, top offi-

cials of endowments depart-

ment who include secretary

and commissioner remained

inaccessible, apparently from

the directions of 'government

heads', who asked them not to

react on this issue. Strict

instructions were also issued to

Friday. Endowments Minister A

The National Register of Citizens in Assam was updated under the monitoring of the Supreme Court and the final list which validates bonafide Indian citizens of the state, excluded over 19 lakh applicants.

In a letter to the CJI, Tarun Gogoi alleged that Hajela did not follow the direction of the apex court although over 50,000 Government officials were engaged in the NRC updation job and around ₹1,200 crore was spent at the cost of development work of the state.

about the fates of several lakh people who have been left out of the NRC and have to move Gogoi said. to Foreigners Tribunals to prove their citizenship and face harassment, not due to their

authority," he said. In the letter written on Thursday and made available to PTI on Friday, the three-time Congress chief minister said a number of people were excluded though their names were there in the voters' lists of both 1966 and 2019.

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and inefficiency of the NRC

March 24, 1971, is the cutoff date for making a legitimate claim to Indian citizenship.

The (voters') list was prepared by Election Commission of India, a constitutional body, and so how could the names of people in it be excluded from

the NRC," Gogoi said.
The final NRC has been "Now the question arises rejected by all political parties,

social organisations and intellectuals of the state, Tarun

He also claimed that BJPheaded governments at the state and the Centre are contradicting each other on the final NRC

State Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and Assam BJP president Ranjit Dass rejected the document claiming it has anomalies, whereas a statement of the Ministry of External Affairs maintained that the NRC update was statutory, transparent and a legal process, mandated and monitored by the Supreme Court, the Congress

leader said in the letter. "The state government, if I am not wrong, is trying to blame the Supreme Court by making allegations that they had their limitations due to the



interference of the highest court," he wrote to the CJI. **PTI** Residents carry their belongings as they evacuate Bowba boring for East-West Metro corridor in Kolkata on Friday Residents carry their belongings as they evacuate Bowbazar area where several houses have been damaged owing to tunne

### Deforestation leads to human-elephant conflict, says study

**KESTUR VASUKI** ■ BENGALURU

Ascientific study carried Out in the Western Ghats shows that deforestation increases human-elephant conflict. The study conducted in Bhadra Tiger Reserve in the north and the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve in the south and spanned over 47,000 km2 across Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala States. This area hosts one of the highest densities and abundance of wild Asian elephants in the world. One can see more than 6000 elephants in Nilgiri Biosphere which is one of the endangered ecological hotspots in the world.

The study conducted by wildlife biologists Jean-Philippe Puyravaud, Sanjay

Priya Davidar and also published in the in the journal "Tropical Conservation Science" using maps from the 1960s and satellite imagery, compared past forest cover to the recent agricultural mosaics for a period of 44 years and found a severe loss of elephant

According to the study data shows that between the years 1960 and 2004 a total of 4,023 km2 of forests and 2,738 km2 of scrub amounting to 6,761 km2 (1,67,0679 acres) of elephant habitat have been lost to agriculture, infrastructure development, and other activities. The lost elephant habitat is nearly equivalent to ten times the current size of Bengaluru city.

In the same region, the



by 7,123 km2 of which 88% was outside protected areas (6,266 km2) while 12% (857

areas which was largely in the state of Kerala and in Gudalur region of Tamil Nadu. The Gubbi, H. C. Poornesha and agricultural mosaic increased km2) was inside protected annual deforestation rate was records of conflict incidences

the study reveals.

estimated at 0.85% per year", The authors further used

with the intensity of deforestation. The results showed that human-elephant conflict incidents occurred at locations where deforestation rate was high and such incidents did not occur at random. The districts of Kodagu and Hassan witness some of the highest human-elephant conflict incidences in the country. A total of 64 people have died in Kodagu and Hassan due to elephant conflict in the last 10 "Elephants have continued

and correlated the incidents

to survive in this deforested area possibly relying only in small refugia of forests thus leading to a situation where isolated elephant populations are struggling with the land transformation. Elephants come in frequent contact with

humans in areas where their habitat vanishes which is a recipe for disaster", the study points to the disaster.

In its interesting revelations the study points out that this deforestation severed the elephant habitat link between Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve and the Bhadra Tiger Reserve and most notably in Hassan and Kodagu districts. The deforestation in the two districts mostly occurred in areas that existed in private lands.

The study emphasizes the importance of proactively reducing deforestation, loss, and fragmentation of elephant habitats to reduce the loss of human lives and livelihoods, and at the same time negative attitudes towards wildlife. Development can be achieved with conservation for the ben-

"But requires an optimization of the landscape organization by zoning of activities, in other words, by allowing the right economic activity at the right place. The study also highlights the importance of protected areas in reducing deforestation, as the highest loss of elephant habitats was outside protected areas" the study suggests.

The study also found that the number of incidences was highest within four-kilometer of the protected area boundary. The study suggests the idea of zonation which is particularly appropriate in this case: Also better land use planning, awareness and adequate activities within this zone can help reduce impact for both people and animals.



Kolkata: West Bengal Assembly on Friday passed a resolution denouncing the NRC in Assam and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee asserted that she will never allow such an exercise to ever take place in the State.

The resolution moved jointly by the ruling Trinamool Congress and Opposition Congress and CPI(M) was pased by voice vote while the BJP boycotted it.

We will never let BJP implement the National Register of Citizens in West Bengal," Banerjee said at the Assembly during a discussion on the motion on the NRC which is a validation of Indian citizenship in Assam.

'The Assam Accord was signed during Rajiv Gandhi's

regime so that peace and tranquility return to Assam. This was not acceptable to any other states," she said during the discussion on the motion under

She went on to add "I welcome Nitish Kumar's statement that they (his party the JD(U)) will also not implement NRC in

The NRC in Assam was updated under the monitoring of the Supreme Court and the final list, published on August 31, excluded over 19 lakh applicants. The cut off date was March 24, 1971.

The BJP has often said it will implement the NRC in West Bengal and has accused Banerjee of opposing it for the sake of minority vote bank. **PTI** minority vote bank.

### **Resolution passed** | PM on Metro inauguration against NRC in WB spree in Maharashtra

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay foundation stone for the development of three metro lines, inaugurate a metro station and state-of-the-Art metro coach in Mumbai. He will also address a women's rally at Aurangabad during his daylong visit to Mumbai and Maharashtra on Saturday.

During his visit to the metropolis, the Prime Minister foundation stone for the development of three metro lines, which together will add more than 42 km to the metro network of the city.

The three corridors are: 9.2 km-long Gaimukh to Shivaji Chowk (Mira Road) Metro-10 corridor, 12.7 km-long Wadala



to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus Metro-11 corridor and 20.7 km-long Kalyan to Taloja Metro-12 corridor.

Modi will also lay foundation stone for a state-of-the-art Metro Bhavan, a 32-storey centre that will operate and control 14 metro lines measuring around 340 km.

He will inaugurate Bandongri Metro Station at Kandivali East and a state-ofthe-art metro coach, the first metro coach manufactured under "Make in India". He will later release a Brand Vision

Document for Maha Mumbai

While in Aurangabad, the Prime Minister will address a state-level Mahila Saksham Melava or Empowered Women's Meet of Self Help Groups, being organized by Maharashtra State Rural Livelihood Mission (UMED).

Modi, who was to kickstart a host of projects in Nagpur, cancelled his visit to Nagpur. "As IMD has declared "Red Alert'of extremely heavy rainfall warningin Nagpur and Vidarbha region, the proposed visit of the Prime Minister to Nagpur tomorrow has been cancelled," a statement issued by the Press Information Bureau (PIB) stated late on Friday night.

"The decision is a big blunder. Instead, the state government should have taken steps to preserve these forts," the former

Without mincing words, NCP MP Surpriya Sule tweet-

CONVERSION OF 25 FORTS —

### **Opposition slams Maha Govt's move**

ed: " The forts in Maharashtra

have historical connect with

Chhatrapati Shivaji. We strong-

ly oppose the state govern-

ment's move to convert forts

into heritage hotels and restau-

rants. If anything, the state gov-

ernment should take steps to

preserve the forts based on the

opinion from international

Slamming the state gov-ernment's questionable deci-

ment's decision to convert 25

forts into heritage hotels and

Meanwhile, Tourism

Minister Jaykumar Rawal, who

himself is from a royal family,

defended the state government's

decision and: "We are not going

to touch any of the forts with

which Shivaji is involved. "An

effort is being spread rumours

about the decision relating to

the promote heritage tourism

through private investments in

forts. The state government has

not taken any decision relating

Shivaji-linked forts in the state.

They would neither be con-

verted into hotels or used as

forts in Maharashtra. The ones

associated with Chhatrapati

Shivaji Maharashtra, those

coming under the ASI or the

Directorate of Archaeology

and Museum and other small

forts coming under Revenue,

Forest or Tourism depart-

"There are three kinds of

wedding venues".

ments," Rawal said

don't market our history".

experts".

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Maharashtra ■ Government's move to convert 25 forts across the State into heritage hotels and wedding venues to promote private investments has sparked a controversy, with the Opposition leaders strongly opposing the move on the ground that such a move would deprive the common people of access to the historic forts.

The Opposition parties' anger should be seen in the light of the fact that most of the forts in the state have emotional connect with Maratha warrior Chhatrapati Shivaji and any effort by the state government to tamper with these forts is not taken kindly by people from various walks of lives, including historians.

Hitting out at the Devendra Fadnavis dispensation for avoidable decision to convert 25 forts in the state into heritage hotels and wedding venues, senior Congress leader and former chief minister Ashok Chavan said: "On one hand, the BJP garners votes in the elections using the name of Maratha warrior Chhatrapati Shiv Sena, while it is on the other hand it is now out to sell the forts. These forts portray history and culture of Maharashtra. Converting them into heritage hotels is depriving their access to the common people".

chief minister said.

**Trial in 1990** case of killing of IAF personnel to begin next week

Jammu: After nearly 30 years, trial in the killing of four Indian Air Force personnel in Kashmir will begin next week as a special court has issued production warrant against JKLF chief and main accused in the case Yasin Malik, officials said.

Besides Malik, who is at present in judicial custody after he was placed under arrest by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in connection with a terror funding case, warrants have been issued against three others.

sion, MNS spokesperson Anil Shidore said: "The people are upset with the state govern-The officials said that Malik was likely to be produced through video conferencing and requisite permission was wedding venues. Maharashtra has rich history of which we being sought for that. should all be proud. Please

Besides the killing of Indian Air Force officers on January 25, 1990 on the outskirts of Srinagar city, Malik is also an accused in the kidnapping of the then union home minister Mufti Mohammed Sayeed's daughter in 1989.

Two charge sheets were filed by the CBI in August and September 1990 against Malik before the designated TADA court in Jammu.

In 1995, he was granted a stay on trial by a single bench of the Jammu & Kashmir High Court as there was no TADA court in Srinagar.

In 2008, Malik approached a special court saying that the trial should be shifted to Srinagar as he was facing lot of problems of security in view of the Amarnath row — an agitation which had divided people of Jammu & Kashmir on religious lines over the issue of leasing out land to outsiders during the annual pilgrimage.

SE/EMC, GHTP,

### IAS officer's resignation takes political hue

Mangaluru: A Karnataka IAS compromised in an unpreceofficer resigned on Friday, claiming that the fundamental building blocks of democracy are being compromised in an unprecedented manner, a move that immediately took on a political colour with the Congress seeking to target the

NDA Government on the issue. Dakshina Kannada district Deputy Commissioner (DC) S Sasikanth Senthil tendered his resignation from the IAS and clarified that the decision was purely a personal one.

"Í have taken this decision as I feel that it is unethical for me to continue as a civil servant in the government when the fundamental building blocks of our diverse democracy are being

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

Milind Deora from the post.

MRCC.

to be held next month.

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Nazirabad, New Delhi

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Description

Cong appoints Eknath Gaikwad as

The All India Congress Committee (AICC) on Friday

▲ appointed senior party leader Eknath Gaikwad as

the acting president of Mumbai Regional Congress

Committee (MRCC), following the resignation of

dent owning moral responsibility for the dismissal per-

formance of the Congress in the recent Lok Sabha polls

in which the party failed to even one of the six seats in

as the acting president of MRCC, AICC general secre-

tary K C Venugopal appreciated the contribution made

by Deora as the outgoing Mumbai unit president.

Gaikwad is currently the working president

Deora resigned from his post as the MRCC presi-

In a statement announcement appointing Gaikwad

Gaikwad's appointment as the MRCC's acting pres-

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Further details information please visit website <a href="https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in">https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in</a>

ident comes in the run-up to the State Assembly polls

'acting president' of Mumbai unit

dented manner", Senthil said in a letter to his 'friends'.

He also said he feels strongly that the coming days will present extremely difficult challenges to the basic fabric of the nation and that he would be better off outside the IAS to continue with his work at making life better for all.

"It simply cannot be business as usual anymore," he

Meanwhile, Congress leaders, including Legislative Council member Ivan D'Souza and party workers staged a protest in the Dakshina Kannada district headquarters town of Mangaluru against Senthil quitting from the IAS.

Veteran Congress leader M Mallikarjun Kharge termed the resignation as an "indicator of the way India is moving".

"The democratic values are in danger and things are not happening according to the constitutional provisions. Hence there is dejection. These IAS officers function directly come under the Central government.

That's the reason that he(Senthil) has resigned," Kharge claimed while talking reporters. He also alleged that institutions like the Income Tax, Central Bureau of Investigation, Central Vigilance Commission and the judiciary were losing their "independence" due to the 'interference' of the Central Government.

**Aizawl:** The Centre has approved an

amount of ₹350 crore for the ninth

phase of Bru repatriation from six

relief camps of neighbouring Tripura,

a senior home department official

The approval came during a

Joint Monitoring Group meeting on

Bru repatriation, chaired by Special

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of Home Affairs, A P Maheswari, in

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N.I.T. No. 01/AC(LnE)/DJB/(2019-20)

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**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (SW)-III** 

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### Three more held in Pansare murder case

**Kolhapur:** Three more suspects were on Friday arrested by a Special Investigation Team (SIT) in connection with the 2015 killing of veteran CPI leader Govind Pansare here in Maharashtra, police officials said. With this, the number of accused arrested in the Pansare case has gone up to 12.

The trio - Sachin Andure, Amit Baddi and Ganesh Miskin - was lodged in jails in Mumbai and Pune under judicial custody in different cases, they said.

They were formally arrested from jails in the Pansare case

by the SIT of the state CID, the

which includes ₹5,000 per month for

each resettled Bru family in Mizoram

and free ration for two years,'

Lalbiakzama, who represented the

state in the meeting, told PTI over

Friday's meeting were senior officials

of the Ministry of Home Affairs, rep-

resentatives of home departments of

Tripura and Mizoram and organisa-

Reangs, is among the 21 scheduled

Tripura in 1997 in the wake of a

communal tension triggered by the

killing of a forest guard by militants

inside Dampa Tiger Reserve. PTI

**First flood warning** 

issued to Cauvery

Coimbatore: With increase in

the inflow water into the

Mettur dam in Salem dis-

trict, authorities on Friday

issued a flood warning to 12

districts of Tamil Nadu

through which the Cauvery

In its first flood warning,

the public works department

cautioned people living on the

banks of the Cauvery and

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phase of Bru repatriation: Official

Andure, an alleged sharp shooter, was lodged in Pune's Yerawada Jail in the Narendra Dabholkar case, while Baddi and Miskin were under judicial custody in Arthur Road jail of Mumbai, they said. Baddi and Miskin are

accused in the Gauri Lankesh case of Karnatka and also in the Nallasopara arms haul case of Maharashtra. Pansare was shot at on February 16, 2015 in Kolhapur and succumbed to his injuries on February 20. Narendra Dabholkar, a noted rationalist, was shot dead on August 20, 2013 in Pune while he was on a morning walk. *PTI* 

#### **NORTHERN RAILWAY OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE**

No. 128-W/260/Tender Notice/60/19-20/W-IV Dated: 05.09.2019 The Sr. Divisional Engineer-IV, Northern Railway, Delhi Division for and on behalf of

	Invitation of tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)							
1.	Name of work with its location	Provision of Gang rest shelter cum tool room at different locations for trackman near various SSE/P-way/Office/Store over DLI-Division.						
2.	Approx. cost of work	Rs. 1,92,04,000.79						
3.	Earnest Money	Rs. 2,46,000.00						
4.	Date and Time of submission of tender and opening of tender	Bidding Start date Up to 15:00 hrs. on 17.09.2019 opening of e-Tender at 15:00 hrs. on 01.10.2019						
5.	Website particulars published e-tender, notice location	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in						



etc. complete details of

web site where the tender

#### **GURU GOBIND SINGH** INDRAPRASTHA UNIVERSITY (Established by the Govt. of NCT of Delhi) Sector-16 C, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110 078

Website: www.ipu.ac.in

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

The Superintending Engineer, University Works Department, GGSIPU, Sector 16 C, Dwarka invites on behalf of Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University online Item rate tenders for following work(s): Name of Work : RMO GGSIP University, Dwarka Campus, New Delhi.

: Operation and Maintenance of STP. Sub Head NIT No. : 14/SE/UWD/Elect/2019-20 Estimated Cost : Rs. 16,03,194/-, Time of completion: 12 Months,

**EMD** : Rs 32,064/-

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from website http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in and www.ipu.ac.in. Last date of submission of bids is 23/09/2019.

#### **ASHNOOR TEXTILE MILLS LIMITED**

Corporate Identity Number: L17226HR1984PLC033384 Regd. Office: Behrampur Road, Village Khandsa, District Gurgaon, Haryana-122001 Phone: 0124 4809756; E-mail: atml delhi@yahoo.com; Web: ashnoortex.com NOTICE OF 36th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, REMOTE E-VOTING <u>INFORMATION AND BOOK CLOSURE</u>

Notice is hereby given that the 36th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the members of the Company will be held on Friday, September 27, 2019 at 9.30 a.m. at the registered office of the Company situated at Behrampur Road, Village Khandsa, District Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, to transact the businesses as set forth in the notice of the AGM. Pursuant to Regulation 42 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with relevant Rules Register of Members will remain close from Saturday, September 21, 2019 to Friday, September 27, 2019 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of Annual General Meeting.

The dispatch of the Annual Report of the Company for the financial year 2018-2019 has been completed on September 2, 2019. Annual Report along with Notice of AGM, Financial Statements and reports thereon, Proxy Form, Attendance Slip and e-voting procedure have  $been \, sent \, to \, members \, at \, their \, registered \, email \, address \, with \, Company \, and \, by \, permitted \, mode \, to \, company \, and \, by \, permitted \, and \, company \, and \, by \, permitted \, and \, company \, and \, by \, permitted \, and \, company \, and \, by \, permitted \, and \, company \, an$ the members who have not registered their e-mail address. The members holding shares either in physical form or dematerialized forms as on cutoff date, i. e. September 20, 2019, may cast their vote electronically, through the e-voting services provided by Link Intime India Private Limited (LIIPL) on all the resolutions setforth in the notice of AGM. The e-voting period will commence on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. and ends on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. The e-voting module shall be disabled by LIIPL for voting thereafter and voting through electronic means shall not be allowed thereafter. Further, eligible members may participate in the AGM even after exercising their right to vote through remote e-voting but shall not vote again at AGM. Only the eligible members on cut-off date shall be entitled to avai facility of remote e-voting or voting by physical ballot at the AGM.

In case a person becomes the member of the Company after dispatch of notice of AGM but before cut-off date may obtain login ID and password by sending request to Mr. Swapan Kumar Naskar, AVP-North India Operations, Link Intime India Private Limited at Noble Heights, 1st Floor, NH-2, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058 (Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent) at e mail id · swapann@linkintime.co.in or phone number 011 41410592 for obtaining the credentials for remote e-voting. However, a person is already registered with LIIPL for e-voting than existing user ID and password can be used for casting vote.

The Notice of the AGM is available on the website of LIIPL. In case of queries/grievances with regard to e-voting, you may refer the Frequently Ask Questions ("FAQ") and e-voting manua available at https://instavote.linkintime.co.in or write an email to LIPL on helpdesk at insta.vote@linkintime.co.in or call at telephone number: 022- 49186000 or write to Mr. Swapan Kumar Naskar as per detail provided above or write to the Company Secretary at the registered office of the Company.

The Annual Report of the Company with notice of convening 36th Annual General Meeting will be available on website of the Company at www.ashnoortex.com and website of the Registral and Share Transfer Agent at http://linkintime.co.in

Place: Gurugram, Harvana

Date: September 5, 2019

For and behalf of Ashnoor Textile Mills Limited

Suneel Gupta Managing Director DIN-00052084

### GHTP-48/19 DPR/06SEP19/C6994 Dt. 06-09-2019 Ph. No. 0164-2756427

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall Patiala-147001)

Corporate Identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813

Website: www.pspcl.in GURU HARGOBIND THERMAL PLANT, LEHRA MOHABBAT

Short Description: Hotline (online) washing of 220kV & 66kV insulator strings, porcelain portion of switchyard equipment i.e. CTs, PTs, Breakers, Isolators etc. installed at 220kV Substation, GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat as per detailed Scope of work mentioned in technical

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Date & Time of Opening of Fee stage bid: 01-10-2019 upto 12:00 Hrs

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall Patiala Corporate Identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813 O/o SE/ Transmission Lines (Design), B-1, Shakti Vihar, Patiala

#### Tel/Fax: 0175-2303093 E-mail: setransdesign@gmail.com

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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER (S/P)

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General Manager (S/P)



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#### आई.ई.सी. कॉलेज के सामने, सैक्टर नॉलेज पार्क-1,

ग्रेटर नौएडा

अतः समस्त ग्रेटर नौएडावासियों से अनुरोध है कि उपरोक्त स्थल पर तैयार किये गये वैकल्पिक तालाब में ही गणेश चतुर्थी के उत्सव पर मूर्ति विसर्जन करना सुनिश्चित करें। वरिष्ठ प्रबंधक (स्वास्थ्य)

#### **SEARCH FOR MISSING**

urther details in this regard can be seen at (https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in)

Re-boring of 05 Nos. Tube Wells at (1) Kumhar Basti near taxi stand (2) Jamun wala park Jahanpanah (3)E-9/12, Malviya Nagar(4)Pragati Park Malviya Nagar (5) N-14 Malviya Nagar

under Malviya Nagar Constituency.



ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)

General public is here by informed that this girl (depicted in the photo) namely: Ritika D/o Raj Kishore R/o H. No. G-2/4, Delhi has been missing/ kidnapped from the area of PS Vijay Vihar since 17.08.2019. In this regard FIR No. 236/19 dated 19.08.2019 has been registered at PS. Vijay Vihar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far.

Her physical description is as under:-Sex: Female, Age: 15 years 6 Month, Height: 5' ft., Complexion: Fair, Face: Long, Wearing: Cream Colour T-Shirt & White Colour Lower.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following:-

Website:http://cbi.nic.in P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph. No.: 011-27061294, 27061295 Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 Mob. No: 8750870329 Fax No.: 011-24368639 DP/3219/RD/19



General Public is hereby informed that one lady Namely: Shivani, W/o: Vipul Kumar, R/o C/o: Mohit ka Makkan, Near Hanuman Mandir, Puth Khurd, Delhi has been missing kidnapped since 17.08.2019 from the area of P.S. Bawana, Delhi. In this regard a case

opened soon.

been lodged at P.S. Bawana, Delhi. The description of the missing lady are as under: Age: 20 years, Height: 4'6", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Wearing: Blue colour suit &

Website: http//cbi.nic.in E-mail ld - cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639 DP/568/ON/19

#### SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

vide DD No. 31-A dated 18.08.2019 has

Blue salwar and sandel in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the lady but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this lady kindly inform to the following.

P.S. Bawana, Delhi Ph.: 011-27752534, 7065036321

### **Govt may soon announce** measures to boost exports

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government is expected to soon announce measures for certain sectors, including gems and jewellery, to boost the country's subdued exports, an official said.

Finance and commerce ministries have held several round of talks on these measures, the official said.

As part of a proposal that is under consideration, the government may extend the deadline for removal of tax benefits to units in the special economic zones (SEZs).

In the Union Budget 2016-17, it was announced that income tax benefits to new SEZ units would be available to only those entities that commence activity before March 31, 2020.

For the labour-intensive gems and jewellery sector, the government is looking at cutting import duty on coloured gem stones and polished diamonds from the current 7.5 per

There is also a consideration to increase the insurance

The NCLAT on Friday said the Enforcement

Directorate needs to be satisfied

that Sterling Biotech promoters'

payment to settle dues with the

lenders are coming from clean

It also said the promoters will have to settle their case

with the creditors within a

include absconding Nitin

Jayantilal Sandesara and

Chetankumar Jayantilal

Sandesara. A three-member

NCLAT bench observed that its

order on August 28 is "condi-

tional" as debt-ridden Sterling

Biotech may "revert back to liq-

uidation" and judgement would

is not paid within the period.

'stand reversed" if clean money

The appellate tribunal has

General Public is hereby informed

that an unidentified female

(depicted in the photo) Age: about

38, Height: 5'1", Built: Medium,

Face: Round, Complexion: Fair,

Eye: Black, Wearing: Coloured

kurta and pink salwar, was found at Street No. 54, Regar Pura, of P.S.

http://cbi.nic.in

Promoters of the company

Enforcement

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specified period.

India's exports have recorded 2.25 per cent growth in July. **Cumulatively** during April-July this fiscal, the exports dipped by 0.37 per cent to \$107.41 billion

coverage by the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India for export credit from the current 60 per cent to 90 per

This would enable banks to provide more export credit at ompetitive rates.

To promote domestic manufacturing and cut imports, there is a plan for strict implementation of rules of origin criteria to check diversion of imports via free-trade agreement countries.

A standard operating procedure could be implemented

ED needs to be satisfied over dues payments

also directed the liquidator to

work as resolution profession-

al (RP) of Sterling Biotech till

it has to be clean money," the

bench headed by Chairperson Justice S J Mukhopadhaya

Sterling Biotech counsel: "You

will have to get the verification

done as to whether the money

bench clearly told the counsel

appearing for promoters that it

was not the work of bank to

decide whether the individual

come back to India, the money

which will come from person-

the counsel of ED along with

genuine nor not".

money is clean or not.

al sources," it said.

"ED has to be satisfied that

The NCLAT further said to

During the hearing, the

"We want clean money to

The tribunal has also asked

its further orders.

made by Sterling promoters: NCLAT

observed.

and export consignments.
Exporters are demanding several other measures such as enhancing benefits of the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) for sectors like non-basmati rice and textiles, besides interest subvention for large pharmaceutical companies.

'Because exports are passing through tough times amidst global contraction in demand due to economic uncertainties, support measures for exporters would help in imparting further competitiveness to it," Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) Director-

General Ajay Sahai said.
S C Ralhan, president of the Ludhiana-based Hand Tools Association, said refund of indirect taxes such as on oil and power, and state levies such as mandi tax would help in dealing with liquidity issue.

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Andhra Bank to be present on

the next hearing.
"It is also desirable that the

counsel of ED remain pre-

Earlier, in August 28 order, the NCLAT had set aside

NCLT order to liquidate Sterling Biotech, and directed that the management should be handed over to its promoters if

the dues of creditors are settled.

The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) had said it will not

come in the way of the indi-

viduals such as promoters and

directors, if they pay back to the

creditors in their individual

capacity, and not from pro-

direction came over hearing of

an application moved by the

liquidator of Sterling Biotech,

seeking clarification on the order passed by the NCLAT.

"For the present period, liquidator appointed by the

adjudicating authority (NCLT)

would function as Resolution

Professional of the company

until further orders," said the

NCLAT.

The appellate tribunal

sent," it said.

### Jet founder Naresh Goyal questioned by ED in Mumbai

**PTI** ■ MUMBAI

**T**et Airways founder Naresh Goyal was on Friday questioned here by the Enforcement Directorate in a case of alleged contravention of the foreign exchange law, officials said.

This is the first time that the central agency is grilling him after it conducted searches against him last month.

Goyal's statement has been recorded under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) at the agency's zonal office here, they said.

A dozen premises, includ-

ing Goyal's Mumbai residence in Mumbai, his group companies, their directors and offices of Jet Airways, were searched by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on August 23.

According to agency sources, the businessman's empire had 19 privately-held companies, five of which were registered abroad. The agency is probing charges that these firms allegedly carried out "doubtful" transactions under the guise of selling, distribution

and operating expenses.

The ED suspects that expenses at these companies

were allegedly booked at fake and high costs and as a result, they "projected" huge losses.

Alleged shady aircraft lease transactions with non-existent offshore entities are also under the ED scanner and it is suspected that Jet Airways made payments for lease rental to ghost firms", which purportedly routed the ill-gotten money in Goyal's companies.

Goyal, along with his wife, were barred from flying out to a foreign location from the Mumbai airport in May as part of the vigil mounted against him by probe agencies.

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would not grant any further

time and failing to which it

would proceed ahead in the

insolvency matter. The NCLAT

also directed the Committee of

Creditors (CoC) to consider and

decide over the revised resolution

said the CoC would ensure that

"no discrimination is made

between equally situated finan-

cial creditors, operational cred-

itors and creditors" of the com-

The appellate tribunal also

plan by September 26, 2019.

## **Business Corner**



Vishwesh Chaube, Member Engineering, Railway Board & Ex-Officio Secretary to the Government of India (Second from right) on Friday held a meeting in headquarters of NF Railway, Construction with its high officials headed by NK Prasad, General Manager, N F Railway, Construction and reviewed the progress of on going Railway projects in Northeast



Moved by a call for help to rebuild a broken boundary wall, PNB PRERNA members along with their President Jayanti Mehta and Vice President Vijitha Prabhakar presented a cheque for rupees One lakh to Ravi Kalra, founder of the



The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) celebrates it's second Samavartan Samaroh (Convocation Ceremony) on 5th September 2019, the auspicious occasion of Teacher's Day for the students of Post Graduate Diploma courses of batch 2018-19. The ceremony began with the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries and senior officials of IGNCA and Saravati Vandana by the members of Kunwar Shyam Sangeet Bhawan



The new outlet of Malabar Gold & Diamonds in New Jersey was inaugurated by John McCormac, Mayor of Woodbridge Township, New Jersey in the presence of MP Ahammed, Chairman, Malabar Group, PA Ibrahim Haji, Co-Chairman, Malabar

### NAFED organises 62nd annual general meeting

62nd Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) was held at

New Delhi on Friday. Welcoming the delegates Bijender Singh, chairman of Nafed expressed his gratitude and thanked Minister of Agriculture, Narendra Singh Tomar ji, MOS for Agriculture, Parsottambhai Rupala Ji, Secretary (A&C), Additional Secretary (A&C) and other Senior

Officers in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare for their guidance and support to Nafed from time to time. Chairman also expressed his deep sense of gratitude and thanked Hon'ble Prime Minister for his kind intervention as a result of which NAFED could arrive at One Time Settlement with the banks. He also thanked Senior officers in PMO, Ministers of Agriculture, Secretary (A&C) and other senior officers of Ministry of Agriculture

and Farmers' Welfare, members of General Body who extended their helping hand in One Time Settlement with the banks. On this occasion Chairman also recalled the key role played by Late Arun Jaitley, the then Finance Minister for the same. Chairman also mentioned that NAFED would be willing to take up the responsibility entrusted by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare to protect the

interest of farmers.

NCLAT directs infra firm Marg's promoter to

submit revised resolution plan by Sep 12

#### FINMIN ASKS LARGE **CPSES TO MAKE**

The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal New Delhi: The finance min-(NCLAT) Friday directed G R K Reddy, the promoter of Chennai-based infrastructure developer Marg Ltd, to submit a revised resolution plan to creditors by September 12 toBring the company out of insolvency proceedings. A three-member NCLAT bench headed by Chairperson Justice S J Mukhopadhaya said it

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#### **INVESTMENTS TO PUMP LIQUIDITY**

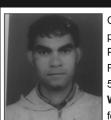
istry on Friday asked large central public sector enterprises (CPSEs) to stick to their capital expenditure plan which will increase liquidity in the market and boost economic growth. This was emphasised during a meeting between finance ministry officials and heads of 'Maharatna' and 'Navratna' CPSEs. The meeting, co-chaired by economic affairs secretary Atanu Chakraborty and expenditure secretary G C Murmu, was also attended by financial advisors of infra-

structure ministries.

#### DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI - 221004

Sealed tender/E-tenders are invited for & on behalf of the President of India for the supply of following items:- S.No.1. Tender No. 08191021A Due Date: 30.09.2019 **Description**: Bolt kit for Corbody Rod (consisting of 2 items) [Each kit contain Lock Bolt 1-3/8 inch PT No 19331095-4 Nos and Coller PT No. 17084301—4 Nos] As per Drawing DRG No 17660427 Alt b. (Part No. 17660427) Qty.: 433 Sets. **S.No.2** Tender No. 08191022A Due Date: 30.09.2019 Description: Lock kit for Centre Pivot (Consisting of 2 items) [Each kit contain Lock Bolt 1 inch. PT. No 17420076--Nos and Coller 1 inch 17142921-4 Nos.] As per Drawing. DRG No 17660439 Alt b (Part No.17660439) Qty.: 505 Sets. **S.No.3. Tender No.** 08191096 **Due Date** 04.10.2019 Description: Bolt 3/8-16 Hex DRG No 40019578 alt a, (P.L. No 19012251) Qty.: 4725 Nos. **S.No.4. Tender No.** 08191019B **Due Date**: 04.10.2019 Description: Lock Bolt kit for Plate ASM (Consisting of 2 items) [Each kit contain Lock Bolt 1 3/8 inch Pt No 17420040-24 Nos and Coller Pt No 17084301-24 Nos.) As per Drawing. DRG No 17660403 Alt b, (Part No 17660403) Qty.: 663 Sets. **S.No.5**. Tender No. 08191020A Due Date : 09.10.2019 Description : Lock Bolt Kit for link Mach (Consisting of 2 items) [Each Kit contain Lock Bolt 1 inch Pt No 17160546-24 Nos and Coller 1 inch. Pt, No 17140213-24 Nos ) As per Drawing, DRG No 17660415 Alt b, (Part No.17660415). Qty.: 1417 Sets. **S.No.6. Tender No**. 08191074 **Due Date** : 11.10.2019 **Description** : Washar Spring DRG. No 8482491 Alt Ca, (Part No.19390208) Qty. : 30634 Nos. **NOTE**: For complete details of Tender Cost/EMD and downloading of Tender Documents, please visit ireps Website www.ireps.gov.ir No. GT/T.Notice/IREPS/2019-20/40 Global Tender Notice Date: 01.09.2019 E-Tenders are Invited for and on behalf of the President of India for the supply of bllowing Items:- S.No.1. Tender No. 10187032B Due Date: 26.09.2019 Items and Part No.: Thrust Washer to PL No. 16130364 Qty.: 12187 Nos. S.No.2. Tender No 16340139 Qty.: 305 Nos. S.No.3. Tender No. 10191185 Due Date: 03.10.2019 Items and Part No. ; Gasket to PL No. 16170167 Qty.; 204 Nos. Items and Part No. Gasket to PL No. 16170222 Qty.; 208 Nos. **S.No.4**. Tender No. 10191121A Due Date : 03.10.2019 Items and Part No. : Lock Spring Seat to PL No 16241629 Qty.: 70530 Nos. S.No.5. Tender No. 10191155 Due Date : 04.10.2019 Items and Part No. : Needle Bearing to PL No. 16150480 Qty.: 9556 Nos. S.No.6. Tender No. 10191213 Due Date: 04.10.2019 Items and Part No.: Pump and Motor Assembly to PL No. 16241526 Qtv.: 123 Nos. S.No.7. Tender No. 10191108A Due Date : 04.10.2019 Items and Part No.: Jumper Assembly to PL No. 16060568 dty.: 417 Nos. S.No.8 Tender No. 10191201 Due Date: 10.10.2019 Items and Part No.: Main Bearing Lower Gen. End. to PL No 16150065 Qty.: 469 Nos. S.No.9. Tender No. 10191203 Due Date: 10.10.2019 Items and Part No.: Main Bearing lower Centre to PL No. 16150089 Qty.: 896 Nos. S.No.10. Tender No. 10191134 Due Date : 11.10.2019 Items and Part No.: Kit Main Bearing Upper to PL No. 16060829 Qty.: 140 Nos S.No.11. Tender No. 10191200 Due Date:15.10.2019 Items and Part No.:Mair Bearing Upper Gen. End. to PL No. 16150053 Qty.: 255 Nos. S.No.12. Tender No. 10191166 Due Date: 05.11.2019 Items and Part No.: Main Bearing Lower Inter to PL No. 16150041 Qty.: 2783 Nos. NOTE: For complete details of Tender Cost/EMD and downloading of Tender Documents, please visit Website www.ireps.gov.ir No. GT/T.Notice/IREPS/2019-20/41 Global Tender Notice Date : 02.09.2019 E-Tenders are Invited for and on behalf of the President of India for the supply of following Items: - S.No.1. Tender No. 10191060 Due Date : 26.09.2019 Items and Part No. : Rotor to PL No. 16060131 Qty.: 95 Nos. S.No.2. Tender No. 10191173 Due Date: 05.11.2019 Items and Part No.: Retainer Diffuser to PL No. 16180466 Qty.: 5274 Nos. S.No.3. Tender No. 10191106 Due Date: 04.11.2019 Items and Part No.: Kit Cyl. Test Valve ASM to PL No. 16350042 Qty.: 1235 Nos. S.No.4. Tender No. 10191125 Due Date: 01.11.2019 Items and Part No.: Power Pickup to PL No. 16241174 Qty.: 330 Nos. S.No.5. Tender No. 10191159 Due Date: 04.11.2019 Items and Part No.: Ball Bearing to PL No. 16150491 Qty.: 727 Nos. S.No.6. Tender No. 10191196 Due Date: 03.10.2019 Items and Part No.: Gasket to PL No. 16170325 Qty.: 588 Nos. S.No.7. Tender No. 10191197 Due Date 03.10.2019 Items and Part No.: Gasket to PL No. 16170337 Qty.: 616 Nos. S.No.8 Tender No. 10191189 Due Date : 03.10.2019 Items and Part No. : Gasket to PL No 16171184 Qty.: 1888 Nos. S.No.9. Tender No. 10191186 Due Date : 03.10.2019 tems and Part No.: Gasket to PL No. 16170600 Qty.: 717 Nos. S.No.10. Tender No 10191210 Due Date: 03.10.2019 Items and Part No.: Gasket to PL No. 16170211 Qty.: 126 Nos. S.No.11. Tender No. 10191187 Due Date: 03.10.2019 Items and Part No.: Gasket to PL No. 16170611 Qty.: 351 Nos. S.No.12. Tender No. 10191191 Due Date: 11.10.2019 Items and Part No.: Sleeve to PL No. 16210463 Qty.: 2392 Nos. NOTE: For complete details of Tender Cost/EMD and downloading of Tender Documents, please visit Website www.ireps.gov.in GT Corrigendum Notice Dt. 01.09.2019 S.No. 1 Bid Inv. No.: IREPS/2019-20/21 Tender No.: 10191027 Rev. 01 Details of Revision: 1. Opening date to be read as 12.09.2019 Instead of 02.09.2019 S.No. 2 Bid Inv. No.: IREPS/2019-20/25 Tender No.: 10191141 Rev. Details of Revision: 2. Opening date to be read as 12.09.2019 Instead of

#### **SEARCH FOR MISSING**



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

General Public is hereby informed that one person Namely: Kishan Kirad, S/o: Om Parkash Kirad, R/o: Gali No. 19, Shiv Ram Park, Nangloi, Delhi, Age: 35 Years, Height: 5'7", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Shirt-Jeans Pant and Shoes in feet has been missing/kidnapped from the

KISHAN KIRAD area of PS Nihal Vihar, Delhi since 28.05.2019. In this regard **DD No. 109-A dated 10.06.2019** has been lodged at PS. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped person but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing/kidnapped person please inform the undersigned

E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-29551597 DP/2624/0D/19

PS. Nihal Vihar, Delhi Ph.: 011-25946700, 25946710

### ₹ logs 3rd straight gains, up 12 paise at 71.72 a dollar

**PTI** ■ MUMBAI

The Indian rupee continued 1 its winning momentum for a third session in a row on Friday, rising 12 paise to settle at 71.72 against the US dollar as signs of easing trade tensions between the US and China enthused investors.

On a weekly basis, the domestic currency, however, lost 30 paise to the US dollar. The Indian currency has

the local unit opened on a strong note at 71.87 and finally closed at 71.72, higher by 12 paise over its previous close.

appreciated by 67 paise in the last three trading sessions.

exchange market on Friday,

At the interbank foreign

During the day, the domestic unit shuttled between a high of 71.59 and low of 71.89 during the day. The rupee had settled at

71.84 against the US dollar on

In a major boost to investor sentiment globally, China and the US have agreed to hold the next round of trade negotiations in Washington in early October to end the bruising trade war.

"Indian rupee appreciates for the third day in row as risk appetite is back with US-China trade optimism. Strong Equity markets across Asia and weakened US dollar overseas have been supporting the rupee," said V K Sharma, Head PCG & Capital Markets Strategy, HDFC Securities.

Sharma further said that USD/INR is expected to gain in coming holiday truncated week with downside support at 71.40 and resistance at 72.25.

#### **ITC SCALES UP SOCIAL INITIATIVES IN TEACHERS' DAY WEEK**

New Delhi: Expanding its social initiatives in Teachers' Day and the International Literacy Day week, ITC celebrates spirit of such parents through the narration of their own stories of transformation in a small video thanking beneficiaries of its large-scale social investment programmes who have toiled hard to secure a brighter and more sustainable future for their children. PNS

#### Tele No.: 011-24368638 or 24368641 SHO, Karol Bagh, Delhi FAX No.: 011-24368639 Tel.: 011-28726870 Mob.: 8750870430 DP/6554/CD/19

FORM A

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Karol Bagh, Delhi, vide DD No. 154A Dated

29.07.2019 lodged at Police Station Karol Bagh

Any person having any information/Clue about this

unidentified female, may inform SHO, Karol Bagh,

Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or website

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

(Under Regulation 6 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016)
FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF SHYAM DIGITAL COMMUNICATION PRIVATE LIMITED RELEVANT PARTICULARS
Shyam Digital Communication Private Limited e debtor 07.10.1993 Name of corporate debto Date of incorporation of corporate debtor Authority under which corporate debtor is incorporated / registered
Corporate Identity No. / Limited Liability Identification No. of corporate debtor Address of the registered office and principa A-60 Naraina Industrial Area Phase-I, New De office (if any) of corporate debtor Industrial Estate, Mathura Road New Delhi-1100 Plot No. 21-22, Udhyog Vihar-IV Gurugram-12201. 03.09.2019 Copy of Order was made available to the IRP on 05.09.2019 30.07.2020 Insolvency commencement date in respect resolution process

Name and registration number of the Mohd Nazim Khan Reg.No. IBBI/IPA-002/IP insolvency professional acting as interim resolution professional
Address and e-mail of the interim resolution Address: G-41, Ground Floor West Patel Nagar, professional, as registered with the Board Address and e-mail to be used for correspondence with the interim resolution Last date for submission of claims

Classes of creditors, if any, under clause (b) of sub-section (6A) of section 21, ascertained by the interim resolution professional Names of Insolvency Professionals identified to act as Authorised Representative of creditors in a class (Three names for each class) WEB LINK: https://ibbi.gov.in/home/downloads Physical Address: Not Applicable (b) Details of authorized representatives are

ordered the commencement of a corporate insolvency resolution process of the SHYAM DIGITAL COMMUNICATION PRIVATE LIMITED on 03.09.2019,copy of order was made available to IRP or to the creditors of SHYAM DIGITAL COMMUNICATION PRIVATE LIMITED are hereby called upon t submit their claims with proof on or before 18.09.2019 to the Interim Resolution Professional at th

Notice is hereby given that the National Company Law Tribunal New Delhi Bench III at New Delhi h

The financial creditors shall submit their claims with proof by electronic means only. All other creditors m submit the claims with proof in person, by post or by electronic means A financial creditor belonging to a class, as listed against the entry No. 12, shall indicate its choice

address mentioned against entry No. 10.

authorised representative from among the three insolvency professionals listed against entry No.13 to a as authorised representative of the class in Form CA- Not Applicable ubmission of false or misleading proofs of claim shall attract penaltie

Mohd Nazim Khar Date: 05th September, 2019

02.09.2019 Note: All other terms & conditions remain unchanged.
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P.R.O./DLW/S-66

**PICICI Bank** ICICI Bank Limited

Regd. Office: ICICI Bank Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara - 390 007. Corporate Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra- Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai- 400051. Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd., Videocon Tower, Jhandewalan, New Delhi -110055

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

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the

below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession o which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis as per the brief particulars given hereunder

No.	Borrower(s) /Co- Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Secured assets with known encumbrances, if any	Outstanding (In ₹)	Price (In ₹)	Money Deposit (In ₹)	Property Inspection and Time	Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)
	Bishamber Lal Lamba/ Rupali Lamba (Co- Borrower) - LBCBT00001490991	Flat no. A-2, 306, Third Floor of Silver State, Plot no. F 29, Sector 50, Noida. Area is 1735 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 48,35,075/- as on Aug 29, 2019	Rs. 90,00, 000/-	Rs. 9,00, 000/-	Sep 18, 2019 From 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM	Sep 30, 2019, From 12:00 Noon Onwards

"https://eauctions.samil.in"). The Mortgagors/ Noticee are given last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till Sep 30, 2019, before 10:00 A.M. failing which, this/these secured

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit their offer along with aforesaid earnest money deposit (as referred in column No. (F) in a sealed envelope superscribed "offer for purchase of property" so as to reach at ICICI Bank column No. (F) in a sealed envelope superscribed "offer for purchase of property" so as to reach at ICICI Bank Limited, 2nd Floor Videocon Tower, Block E-1, Jhandewalan Extension, Rani Jhansi Road. Delhi-110055 or our marketing agents Shiriam Automall India Ltd having their office at 2nd Floor, Best Sky Tower, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampura, New Delhi – 110034 on or before Sep 27, 2019 before 5:00 P.M. The marketing agency has also been engaged as auctioneer for proper conduct of auction. EMD DD / PO should be from a Nationalised /Scheduled Bank favouring "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Delhi.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact on Mobile no. 9599281817/9650193259 of ICICI Bank Limited or 9910453434 of Shiram Automall India Ltd. The tenders which are acknowledged by the Bank/e-auction vendor official and repistered before the cut off time with complete details shall only be considered for auction

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The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any reasons thereof For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit ICICI Bank Ltd website at www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date: September 07, 2019

Sd/-Authorised Officer ICICI Bank Limited

**UK** brands

**AFP** ■ HARARE

him 'autocrat'

Allies hail Mugabe,

Several countries hailed Zimbabwe's late ex-president

Robert Mugabe on Tuesday as a

liberation hero -- though his

fierce critic, former colonial

power Britain, recalled the suf-

fering and repression of his

world reactions to his death on

independence of the country

from colonial rule, and lived

most of his life in public service,'

said President Muhammadu

Buhari of Nigeria, hailing him as

the "founding father" of a nation.

cially in struggling for the polit-

ical and economic emancipation

of his people, will always be remembered by posterity."

"Mugabe's sacrifices, espe-

Tuesday aged 95.

Here is a selection of top

Mugabe "fought for the

## **UK opp parties reject Boris' election call**

 $B_{\text{said Friday that they won't}}^{\text{ritain's opposition parties}}$ support Prime Minister Boris Johnson's call for an election when the issue gets voted on next week, piling more pressure on Britain's embattled leader as he seeks a way to make good on his promise to leave the European Union next month.

The parties have been mulling whether to agree to Johnson's plan for an Oct. 15 election, which can only be triggered if two-thirds of lawmakers agree.

Johnson already lost a vote on the same question this week, but plans to try again Monday, saying an election is the only way to break the country's deadlock over Brexit.

Opponents don't want to agree to a vote unless they can ensure Johnson can't take Britain out of the EU as scheduled on Oct. 31 without a divorce agreement in place, as he has threatened to do so.

After discussions Friday, opposition lawmakers said they would not back an election until the government asked the EU to delay Brexit. Johnson says he would "rather be dead in a ditch" than do that.

The parties said they would either vote against Johnson's motion or abstain on Monday.

Parliament is in the midst of passing an oppositionbacked law that would compel the Conservative Government to seek a three-month Brexit postponement if no divorce

The bill is likely to become law by Monday, and many pro-EU lawmakers want to hold off on triggering an election until it is set in stone, fearing Johnson will try to wriggle out of the commitment.

"I do not trust the prime minister to do his duty," said

Parliament of the Welsh party

AFP HELSINKI

Finland's

said Friday.

Helsinki.

agreement".

An agreement with Britain to avoid a no-deal Brexit

now appears impossible as

the country is in "quite a mess"

Minister, whose country holds

the rotating EU presidency,

a situation where this (Brexit)

can be solved so that there is no

mess, but it seems not possible

now," Antti Rinne told

reporters after a meeting with European Parliament

president David Sassoli in

quite a mess now. We don't know what's happening there.

It seems very obvious that we

are not getting Brexit with an

On Thursday British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said he

would "rather be dead in a

ditch" than delay Brexit beyond

the current deadline of October

31, despite moves by members

of the country's parliament to force a no-deal Brexit off the

there has been "substantial

progress" in talks with the EU

to change the arrangements

over the Irish border and thus

open the path to reach a new

deal on the terms of the UK's

critics have accused him of

running down the clock to a

have said in recent days that

they have not yet seen any con-

crete proposals from London to

replace the so-called Irish

no-deal Brexit.

'backstop'.

But the prime minister's

Other EU member states

Johnson has insisted that

"The situation in Britain is

"I hope that we can reach

She said lawmakers needed to be sitting in Parliament in late October, rather than on the campaign trail, to ensure Britain does not crash out of the EU. That makes an election

# Promises of Brexit bonanza look fishy

**AP** EYEMOUTH

Netted in Scottish waters, claws snapping and tails flapping, langoustines as pink and fat as hotdog sausages are delicately packed by hand into boxes, each upright in its own individual compartment. The care and attention testifies to their high market-value for discerning gourmets in Europe, who'll be snacking on them within hours.

While Scotland and the rest of Britain sleeps, trucks haul them southward overnight, skirting London where politicians are bitterly squabbling over the divided country's planned exit from the European Channel Tunnel to France, and

**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE** 

ICICI Bank

Registered Office: ICICI Bank Limited, Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara 390007

Corporate Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400051

Branch Office: ICICI Bank 2nd Floor, Videocon Tower, Jhandewalan Ext, New Delhi- 110055

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction

of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred

under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in

general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in

exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules

on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to

Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession

Floor, Along With Parking Space PBA019 & PBA020 In Building No 1, "Westend

Heights", DLF City Phase V, Wazirabad, Gurgaon/ September 05, 2019

House No 52/613 Ground Floor Block

No 52 Pratap Nagar, Sanganer Jaipur/ September 04, 2019

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ quarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 days Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest

Apartment No H1A 034, Block A, 3rd

deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

quickly onwards to fine restaurants in Paris, Monaco and elsewhere.James Cook, who watches his workers as they prepare the shipments, has spent 40 years — "a lifetime's work," he says — building his seafood export business into a steady

Europe's open, border-free single market that the British government intends to leave on Oct. 31 has allowed him to be sure that the tons of hefty lobsters and wriggling langoustines he buys from fishermen across Scotland will still be alive and European chefs. A holdup on journey, even of just half a day,

ocean-fresh when delivered to the long, usually obstacle-free

Date of Demand Name

May 31, 2019 Gurgaon/ Rs. Jaipur

Authorized Officer

**ICICI Bank Limited** 

Rs. 1,11,15,539/-

of Branch

Gurgaon

#### Brexit deal with Zimbabwe ex-Prez UK 'seems not Mugabe dies aged 95 possible': Finnish **EU** presidency

**AFP** ■ HARARE

Robert Mugabe, who led Zimbabwe with an iron fist from 1980 to 2017, has died aged 95, the country's president announced Friday.

First heralded as a liberator who rid the former British colony of Rhodesia of white minority rule, Mugabe used repression and fear to hold on to power in Zimbabwe until he was finally ousted by his previously loyal military generals.

"It is with the utmost sadness that I announce the passing on of Zimbabwe's founding father and former President... Robert Mugabe," Emmerson

Mnangagwa said in a tweet.
"Mugabe was an icon of

who dedicated his life to the emancipation and empowerment of his people. His contribution to the history of our nation and continent will never be forgotten.

Mugabe had been battling ill health, and his humiliating fall from office in November 2017, his stamina seeped away rapidly. He was hospitalised in Singapore for months for an undisclosed ailment, Mnangagwa had confirmed earlier this year.

No further details were immediately available about the circumstances of his death, or where he died.

The Mugabe years are widely remembered for his

Merkel in Beijing says HK

crushing of political dissent, and policies that ruined the The former political pris-

oner turned guerrilla leader swept to power in the 1980 elections after a growing insurgency and economic sanctions forced the Rhodesian government to the negotiating table.

In office, he initially won international plaudits for his declared policy of racial rec-onciliation and for extending improved education and health services to the black majority. But that faded as rapidly as

he cracked down on opponents, including a campaign known as Gukurahundi that killed an estimated 20,000 dis-

#### Dorian leaves 30 dead in freedoms must be 'guaranteed' Bahamas: PM

The death toll from Hurricane Dorian has risen to 30 in the Bahamas, Prime Minister Hubert Minnis told American network CNN on Thursday.

ly reported 20 dead, but have warned that the final figure is sure to be far higher.

Authorities had previous-

Minnis has said that the storm caused "generational devastation.'

The United Nations said 70,000 people in the Bahamas were in "immediate need" of

Dorian, currently a Category 2 storm, was pounding the US states of North and South Carolina Thursday night with strong winds and driving rain, bringing dangerous storm

### French first lady is 'truly ugly,' says Brazilian min

**AFP** ■ RIO DE JANEIRO

Brazilian Government AMinister said French first ugly", only days after the country's president appeared to endorse an attack on her appearance.

Brazil's economy minister Paulo Guedes on Thursday said he agreed with President Jair Bolsonaro's comments

about Macron's looks. "The president said it -- it's true," he said to applause during an economic forum.

"The woman is truly ugly." Later, an aide said in a statement that Guedes "asks for forgiveness for the joke he made today during a public event... When he mentioned the French first lady."

Bolsonaro garnered criticism last week when he appeared to agree with a Facebook post that implied French President Emmanuel Macron's wife was not as attractive as his own wife Michele

Bolsonaro. He wrote "Do not humiliate the guy, ha ha" on a post that read "Now you understand why Macron is persecuting Bolsonaro" next to pictures of the two first ladies.

**AP** ■ UNITED NATIONS

North Korea says it wants the UN international staff in the country reduced by the end of the year "due to the politicization of UN assistance by hostile forces", but the UN says its current "light footprint" is vital.

Kim Chang Min is secretary general of North Korea's

# for seafood industry

livelihood for 220 employees.

Union. They then pass without impediment through the ters, turning prized seafood into

erman Chancellor Angela Merkel said Friday the rights and freedoms of people in Hong Kong "must be guaranteed" after meeting with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang in Beijing, her spokesman said.

Hong Kong has been plunged into months of prodemocracy protests, and ahead of her three-day visit to China this week demonstrators in semi-autonomous

city appealed to the German chancellor to support them in her meetings with China's lead-

spokesman Steffen Seibert quoted Merkel as saying:

"The rights and freedoms of the people of Hong Kong must be guaranteed. Solutions can only be found in dialogue; do everything possible to prevent violence Merkel arrived in China on

Thursday with a large business delegation in tow. The businesses travelling

with Merkel include Volkswagen, Allianz and Deutsche Bank according to the German daily Bild, which carried a headline Friday that read: "Do our companies not care about Hong Kong's freedom?"

Press access to her visit was unusu-

ally tight, with a number of members of the Beijing foreign press corps, including AFP, unable to get accreditation for the event

lotice is hereby given that:

DATE: 05.09.2019 PLACE: NEW DELHI

Place: Delhi Date: 06.09.2019

lack of space due to a large contingent of journalists accompanying Merkel. In a statement, the German

Federation of Journalists criticised the limited access as a 'diplomatic farce". "What image do the organ-

isers have of the travelling German press? Did they think that the chancellor of Germany is coming with her courtiers, who politely listen, ask no questions and report meekly?' it said.

Merkel also met Chinese President Xi Jinping Friday evening, according to state news agency Xinhua, and the two leaders were scheduled to have dinner together. The German leader is

also scheduled to give a speech to university students in the central city of Wuhan on

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Managing Director, (DIN: 00322447

For Moulin Commercial Limited Sd/-Ashish Gupta Managing Director DIN: 00115090

Mr. Ajai Kumar Rastog

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Notice of 14th Annual General Meeting & Book Closure

The 14thAnnual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company will be held on Friday, 27th

September, 2019 at 11 a.m. at the Registered Office at F-01, TDI Centre, Jasola, New Delhi New Delhi 110025 IN, to transact the Business as set out in the Notice of AGM. Pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 10 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and Regulation 42 of the SEBI (Listing

Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Rules, 2015, the Registrar of Members and Share Transfer Book of company will remain closed from Friday, 20th September, 2019 to Friday, 27th September, 2019 (Both Days Inclusive) for the purpose of Annual Genera

Meeting of the company to be held on Friday, 27th September, 2019 for the financial year

MOULIN COMMERCIAL LIMITED

NOTICE FOR AGM, E-VOTING AND BOOK CLOSURE

Notice is hereby given that 37th Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held on Monday, September 30th, 2019 at the registered office of the company at 4.00 P.M. at 1, Anand Gram, Aya Yagar Mehrauli, Gurugram Road Dethi -110047.

In terms of provisions of Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with rule 12 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and Regulation 42 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Register of Members and Share Transfer Book of the Company will remain closed from 23rd September 2019 to 30th September 2019 (Both days nclusive) for the purpose of AGM.

The 37th AGM Notice along with the statement annexed to the Notice pursuant to section 102 of the Companies Act, 2013 & Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2019, have been sent to the members at their registered address. The dispatch of physical annual report has been completed on 95th September 2019.

05th September 2019.

In terms of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended, and Regulation 44 of the SEBI Listing Regulations, the Company is providing the facility to its members to exercise their vote by electronic means on any or all of the business specified in the Notice convening the 37th AGM of the Company (remote e-voting), through e-voting services of National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL). The members are requested to note that the e-voting shall commences on 27.09.2019 (09.00 a.m.) and ends on 29.09.2019 (05:00 p.m). Please note that e-voting shall not be allowed beyond the said date and time. Please visit http://www.evoting.nsdl.com to cast your vote through e-voting system. A person whose pages agrees are in the register of members/the-penedical express, as on cut-off date.

A person whose name appears in the register of members/beneficial owners as on cut-off data i.e 23rd September, 2019 only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting as well as voting at the meeting.

roung at the meeting.

The Company has appointed Mr. Debasis Dixit, Practicing Company Secretary, as Scrutinizer tscrutinize the remote e-voting and voting process at the AGM in a fair and transparent manner.

scrumize the remote e-voting and voting process at the AGM in a fair and transparent manner. Any person who becomes member of the company after dispatch of the notice of the AGM and holding shares as of the cut-off date may obtain the User-ID and password by sending a request at cohili@unyligroup.com. The voting process at the AGM Venue will be conducted through physical oblining papers. A member may participate in the AGM even after exercising his right to vote through emote e-voting but shall not be allowed to vote again in the meeting.

A Member may request to the Company for a duplicate Annual Report, if so required. Any query or grievances in relation to e-voting by electronic means may contact Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent ie. M/S MCS Share Transfer Agent Ltd, F-65, Okhla Phase-1, New Delhi-110020. Name of Contact person: Mr. Amarjeet, ISenior Manager| E-mail id: admin@mcsregistrars.com, Phone-19-11 14140 f48. Members may also refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FACs) and e-voting manual available at www.evoting.nsdl.com under the help section or write an email to evoting@nsdl.co.in.

CIN-L74899DL1982PLC067811, Telefax: - + 0124 4232222

ce: - 1, Anand Gram, Aya Nagar Mehrauli, Gurgaon Road Delhi -110047

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#### **ANS INDUSTRIES LIMITED** Regd. Off.: 136 KM, GT Road ,Vill & P.O Shamgarh, Karnal (Haryana) Head Off.: 144/2, Ashram, Mathura Road, New Delhi - 110014

NOTICE OF 25<sup>™</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, BOOK CLOSURE &

Notice is hereby given that the 25th Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held on Saturday, the 28th Day of September, 2019 at 11.30 A.M at the registered office of the Company at 136 KM, PO-Shamgarh, District -Karnal, Haryana- 132116 to transact the business set out in the notice of AGM.

Copies of said notice stating the business to be transacted together with the Annua

Report for the year 2018-19 have been sent to all the shareholders physically and to be sent electronically to those shareholders whose email IDs are registered with RTA Depository Participants. The dispatch of notice of AGM along with Annual Report has been completed on 4th September, 2019.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 42 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirement) Regulations. 2015. Notice is also hereby given that the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2019 to 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of ensuing Annual General Meeting of the Company.

Further pursuant to provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2015 and Regulation 44 of SEBI (listing obligations and Disclosures requirement) Regulatins, 2015 Company is pleased to provide remote e- voting facility to shareholders through National Securitie Depository Limited (NSDL), to cast their right to vote from a place other than venue of AGM in respect of business set out in the notice of AGM. The details are given herein

The e-voting period commences on Wednesday, the 25th day of September, 2019 at 9.00 A.M. and end on Friday, the 27th day of September, 2019 at 5.00 P.M. during this period shareholder holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form may cast their vote electronically, the remote e-voting shall not be allowed beyond the said

The Cut-off date for determining the eligibility to vote by remote e-voting or at the venue of AGM is 21st September, 2019.

Any person, who has acquired shares and becomes member of the Company after dispatch of the notice and holding shares as on cut-off date, may also obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at e-mail-ld:evoting@nsdl.co.in or sm@masserv.com/ info@masserv.com. If already registered with NSDL then Shareholders should use their existing user ID and password for casting their vote.

In case if they have any grievances, queries or issue regarding e-voting, they may refer the Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") and e-voting manual available at www.evoting.nsdl.com under help section or write an email to evoting@nsdl.co.in or make call at following toll free No. 1800-222-990 or contact Mr. Sharwan Mangla (General Manager) of MAS Services Ltd (RTA) Limited at T-34,2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Okhala Industrial Area, Phase-II, New Delhi-110020, Contact No.011-26387281/82/83,mail id info@masserv.com/sm@masserv.com.

A member may participate in the AGM even after exercising his right to vote through remote e-voting but shall not be allowed to vote again at the AGM. The Company shall also provide voting through Ballot Paper for the members present at the meeting and not cas heir vote by availing the remote e-voting facility.

Shareholders holding shares in physical form are requested to please provide/ update their Bank Details, PAN email.ID, Mobile No. in the records of Company/RTA.(MAS

As per regulation 40 of SEBI listing regulation, as amended, securities of listed company can be transferred only in dematerialized form with effect from 1st April, 2019 except in case of Transmission and transposition of Securities. Hence in your interest .it is advised to get their physical shares converted into Demat Form at earliest.

The notice of the meeting is also available on the website of the company www.ansfoods.com and NSDL. (www.evoting.nsdl.com).

For ANS Industries Limited (Manoi Mishra)

Date: 06/09/2019 Company Secretary

#### **SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL**



General public is here by informed that the Girl Namely: Sharda @ Arisha D/o: Sanatan, C/o Nahid D/o Aziz Ahmad R/o: H. No. 940, Kucha Rohilla, Khan Daryaganj, Delhi, Age: about 13 years, Height: 4' Complexion: Black, Face: Round, Built: Fat Wearing: Pink colour frack aand Black Colour Pajammii and Black colourur Scrof and Chappal ir feet has been missing since dated 21.02.2019 at 0500 hours from House No. 297, Gali Sujanray, Delhi Gate Dariyaganj, Delhi.

In this regard FIR No. 27/19 U/s 363, dated 22.02.2019, has been lodged at Chandni Mahal, Delhi, Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about

this girl but no clue has come to light so far

Any person having any information or clue about this girl and her son kindly inform to the following. E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in

Website: http://cbi.nic.in Fax: 011-24368639 Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO P.S. Chandni Mahal, Delhi Ph. 011-23279338, 23271751 DP/6547/CD/19

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e- Tenders are invited for the following works from the eligible reputed firms/ Contractors having related experience in two bid system. Tender No Name of the work Submission Date

ADG(E) (SZ) /		20-09-19
PUR / NIT-05 /	Renovation works of	before
SRMST /	Self Radiating Omni	14:30 Hrs
2019-20	directional of MW Mast	
	at HPT AIR , Vijayawada	
	as per the specification	
	Pre-Bid Meeting:	
	11.09.2019	

For any further details .Terms & Conditions Kindly Log on to <a href="https://www.tenderwizard.com/PB">https://www.tenderwizard.com/PB</a> Amendments Corrigendum / Extension if any would be posted on above website only.

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#### N Korea wants UN staff cut, but UN says they're vital

National Coordinating Committee and says in a letter to the UN resident coordinator there that in recent years "UN supported programs failed to bring the results as desired due to the politicization of UN assistance by hostile forces."

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Orior Developer Infrastructure Pvt Ltd/ LBJAI00001983846

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Date: 07-09-2019

#### **MODI RUBBER LIMITED**

CIN: L25199UP1971PLC003392

Registered Office: Modinagar - 201204; Dist. Ghaziabad. (U.P.) Head Office: 4-7C, DDA Shopping Centre, New Friends Colony, New Delhi-110025 Phone: +91-11-47107398; Website: www.modirubberlimited.com; Email: investors@modigroup.net

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to Regulation 29 of SEBI (LODR) regulation 2015, 46th Annual General Meeting of the Company is scheduled to be held on Monday, September 30, 2019 at 11: 30 AM at DAYAWATI MODI PUBLIC SCHOOL. Modinagar, to transact the business as per the notice contained in

the Annual Report for year ended 31st March 2019. The Integrated Annual Report for the financial year 2018-19 including the Notice convening the Meeting has been sent to the members to their registered address by post/courier, and electronically to those

members who have registered their e-mail address with the Depositories/Company. The said Integrated Annual Report is available on the Company's website (www.modirubberlimited.com) and also available for inspection at the Registered Office of the Company on all working days during business hours up to the date of the Meeting.

The Company is providing to its members facility to exercise their right to vote on resolutions proposed to be passed at the Meeting by electronic means ("e-voting"). The members may cast their votes using an electronic voting system from a place other than the venue of the Meeting ("remote e-voting"). The Company has engaged the services of National Securities Depository Limited(NSDL) as the Agency to

The communication relating to remote e-voting inter alia containing User ID and password along with a copy of the Notice convening the Meeting has been dispatched to the members. The Notice of the meeting and Annual Report are available on the website of the Company: www.modirubberlimited.com and the remote e-voting facility shall commence on 27th September 2019 from 9:00 a.m. (IST) and end on 29th September 2019 at 5:00 p.m. (IST). The remote e-voting shall not be allowed beyond the aforesaid

A person, whose name appears in the Register of Members/Beneficial Owners as on the cut-off date, i.e., Monday September 23, 2019, only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting / voting at the Meeting Any person who becomes member of the Company after dispatch of the Notice of the Meeting and holding shares as of the cut-off date may obtain the User ID and password inter alia by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or mas\_serv@yahoo.com. The detailed procedure for obtaining User ID and password is also provided in the Notice of the meeting which is available on Company's website. If the member is already registered with NSDL for e-voting, he can use his existing User ID and password for

casting the vote through remote e-voting. The members who have cast their vote(s) by remote e-voting may also attend the Meeting but shall not be entitled to cast their vote(s) again.

Date: 06th September, 2019

Place: New Delhi

NOTICE is also hereby given pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 and applicable Rules thereunder that the Company has fixed Monday, September 23rd 2019 as the Record Date. The members are requested to note the following contact details for addressing queries/grievances, if any MAS Services Limited Phone No.-+91-11-2638 7281 82, 83

T-34, IInd Floor, Okhla Industrial Area Phase - II. New Delhi 110020

By order of the Board of Directors (S.K. Bajpai)

Head - Legal & Company Secretary

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## **Burns, Root keep Aus at bay**

AFP OLD TRAFFORD

ory Burns hit his third score of fifty or more this Ashes to lead England's fightback with the bat in the fourth Test against Australia at Old Trafford on Friday.

England were 125-2 at tea on the third day, still 372 runs behind Australia's imposing first-innings 497-8 declared.

Burns, however, was 62 not out, with England captain Joe Root 47 not out after the pair had put on exactly 100 runs for the third wicket.

Rain meant there was no play before lunch and, as a result, the second session was extended to two hours and 50 minutes.

England resumed on 23-1, with left-handed opener Burns 15 not out and nightwatchman Craig Overton three not out.

Överton had added just two to his score when the ninth ball of the day saw him edge a full-length, rising delivery from Josh Hazlewood to second slip, where Steve Smith held a waist-high catch.

Burns, who scored a century in the first Test, coverdrove Mitchell Starc for a resounding four.

And when left-arm fast bowler Starc, playing his first match of the series, sent down a friendly full toss, Burns steered it through point for another four.

There were more cheers from the crowd when Root clipped Pat Cummins for four.

Burns, taking advantage of several loose deliveries from Starc on a relatively placid pitch, led the way as Root found his form.

A back-foot drive for four off Starc and a steered boundary to third off the paceman saw Burns complete a 100-ball fifty including seven fours.

Meanwhile an increasingly assured Root pulled a harmless Hazlewood half-tracker for four to go to 47 as the skipper fought hard to deny Australia a win that would see

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

remaining "disconnected" with partner Saurabh Chaudhary has been the key to

their golden run in four successive World

Cups.

The teenagers will be gunning for a Tokyo Olympics

podium finish at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics

having already booked a quota place for the

very different things (individuals)," the 17-year-old Manu told PTI when asked about

her recipe of success having won her fourth

mixed World Cup gold in Rio de Janeiro,

which is a common thread binding the

teenage duo as they simply like to concen-

our own. We just focus on our individual

performance. He doesn't give much thought

on my performance and neither do I think

about his. I think that makes us fearless and

we shoot for ourselves and perhaps because

of that, we are doing well," Manu explained.

shooters, who will represent the country at

the year-ending World Cup Finals, sched-

uled to be held in Putian, China between

Manu will be among the 14 Indian

"I thought I will not be selected for

trate on their individual performances.

"We are not very connected. We are two

At 17, one is free from fear of failure

"We don't talk much. We are both on

**England were** 125-2 at tea on the third day, still 372 runs

behind Australia's imposing first**innings 497-8** declared. Burns was 62 not out, with England captain Joe Root 47 not out after the pair had put on exactly 100 runs for the third wicket

them retain the Ashes at 2-1 up with one to play in a five-Test

Smith's 211 on Thursday, his third Test century in four innings, was the cornerstone of



**AFP** ■ LONDON

Former England star revealed he dreams of coaching the national team in the

Flintoff called time on his international career in 2009

to return to cricket in a coaching capacity and already has lower-level qual-

looking for someone to replace Trevor Bayliss who is of the current Ashes series against Australia.

Flintoff, who helped England win the Ashes as a player in 2005 and 2009, concedes it is too soon to

expect to get the job now.

But the 41-year-old refused to rule it out in the long-term.

ambition. There are probably two or three coaching jobs I'd like — England, Lancashire or Lancashire Academy," he told BBC radio's Test Match Special programme on

"Î'd love to be England coach one day, just not quite

county cricket with Lancashire, has already done some coaching work with the Under-13 side at his old

"I've got two of my coaching levels — me and (former England team-mate) Steve Harmison might do our level threes soon," he said.
Flintoff, who played 79 Tests and 141 one-day internationals for England, revealed he applied for the

revealed he applied for the national team coaching job when it became available in

But he was not taken seriously and the role went to

### Flintoff reveals coaching dream

and has been working as a television presenter recently after a brief foray into boxing. The all-rounder hopes

England are currently

due to step down at the end

"Coaching is definitely an

Friday.

It helps that Saurabh and I hardly connect: Bhaker

> ed but now that I have been selected. I am so happy and excited to go for the World Finals. I will work hard to do well," she said. Last year, Manu had won a series of gold medals, which include the Guadalajara World Cup, Commonwealth Games and the

Youth Olympics at Buenos Aires. There were also disappointments in

store when she suffered a pistol malfunction during the 25m Rapid Fire pistol final at the unich World Cup, forcing her to forfeit. She also returned empty handed from

the Asian Games after participating in three events -- mixed, 25m air pistol and 10m air pistol. Interestingly, Manu had Games record at the Asiad in Palembang, with a record score of 593 in the qualification round of 25m Air pistol event.

'I think it is like a heart beat. It goes up and down and it is all part of life. The malfunction at Munich World Cup that was one moment where I felt very low. It was like someone took (snatched) away the medal in-front of my eyes. It was heartbreaking, said Manu, who had secured a quota in the 10m pistol event after disappointment in 5m rapid fire pistol at Munich.

"Another such low moment was the Asian Games, I was fifth in the final and it was very upsetting. I had high expectations from myself and everything fall apart. Jaspal sir helped me during that phase.'

World Cup final as I didn't win any individual medals this year. I won all the mixed

Interestingly, Manu couldn't win any individual medal at the four World Cups this nommunication is key aspect in a team team gold with Saurabh. So it was unexpect year.

> mance this year, she said: "I think it has been very progressive from Delhi to China, to Munich and now Rio. I did quite good, so I believe it was a successful year and I am happy with my performance. Great to end the way, we did in the last World up of the year," she said.

Manu said that she now wants to work on the physical fitness part.

"I will just continue what I have been doing. It is basically all about improving the technique and physical fitness.

The Tokyo Olympics is just seven months away and Manu believes she can produce a much better performance at the

"Olympics is a dream for all sportsperson. I hope it becomes my best moment of my life. Anything can happen. I don't know what is destined for me. If I have the blessings and I can go on to win a medal, it will be the best moment of my life," she said.

While she won a quota place, it belongs to the country and not the individual. The youngster is well aware and knows that nearing Olympics, she will have to hit the peak.

"I think I can do better at Olympics. The quota that I won is for India and I might not also go. My scores have been good and I'll improve as the Olympics approaches. I just want to put in my work."

#### **AFP** MANCHESTER

Steve Smith is on course to enjoy one of the most pro-ductive series by any batsman in Test history after he marked his return to Ashes action with a double hundred at Old Trafford on Thursday.

The 30-year-old's 211 was the centrepiece of Australia's 497-8 declared on the second day of the fourth Test.

It was his third century in four innings this series following scores of 144 and 142 in the opener at Edgbaston — Smith's first Test since completing a 12-month ball-tampering ban.

If those hundreds erased doubts about whether he would be the same stellar batsman after the traumatic events during a Test in Cape Town that led to his being stripped of the Australia captaincy and a lengthy suspension, Thursday's innings put to rest fears of any lingering ill-effects after he was concussed by a Jofra Archer bouncer.

That blow to his then unprotected neck — he is now batting with a 'stem guard' during the drawn second Test at Lord's saw Smith ruled out of England's dramatic onewicket win at Headingley that levelled this Ashes at 1-1.

Even after retiring hurt having been felled by Årcher, Smith still came back out to make 92 — his lowest score of a series where he has now scored 589 runs at a colossal average of 147.25.

The most runs ever made by an individual in a Test series is the 974 compiled by Australia's Don Bradman, widely regarded as the format's greatest batsman, during the five matches of the 1930 Ashes in England.

solver" in cricket today by Australia coach Justin Langer, himself a former Test batsman.

- 'Played into our hands' -That ability, as much as his trademark if

Vivian Richards holds the corresponding record for four Tests, posting 829 runs during West Indies 3-0 win in England in 1976 where the 'Master Blaster' missed one fixture out of five through illness.

Both those marks may be beyond Smith.

But if Australia do retain the urn -- and they were wellplaced at the close with England 23-1, a deficit of 474 this will undoubtedly be 'Smith's Ashes'.

Smith has been described as the best "problem

unorthodox shuffle across the crease, was evident as Smith took advantage of an unusually placid Old Trafford

think and visualise before I play where people are likely to bowl to me and where I am likely to score and try to picture fields that are set and play things over in my mind, where I am going to get runs and how they are looking to get me out," Smith told reporters after stumps.

Then out in the middle you have to adapt to whatever is thrown at you.

England, inevitably, after Lord's, repeatedly tested Smith out with the bouncer.

But Smith, whose career Test batting average of 64.64 is second only to Bradman's 99.94, reckoned England's quicks, with the notable exception of Stuart Broad, had overdone the short stuff.

"I said before the game that if they bowl a lot at my head then they're not bowling at my

Underlining greatness

The third double century of Smith's 67-Test career, all of which have come against England, was not chanceless.

Archer dropped a caught and bowled chance when Smith was on 65 and he had made 118 when he nicked Jack Leach to slip only to be reprieved when a third umpire review revealed the left-arm spinner had bowled a no-ball.

When I saw the foot over the line and (umpire) Kumar (Dharmasena) called me back I thought, 'How good is this! I get to keep on batting'.
"Obviously I had some

luck and I made the most of it from there.'

This innings also saw Smith extend his own record with an eighth successive Ashes fifty, but he was adamant

in insisting: "It's never easy.
"You're playing international cricket against some quality bowlers. I'll never say



Sri Lanka's Lasith Malinga successfully appeals to dismiss New Zealand's Ross Taylor as his fourth wicket taken in four consecutive balls during the third T20 international cricket match between Sri Lanka and New Zealand in Pallekele

### Fan raises money to watch Ashes by taking out neighbours trash

**PTI** MANCHESTER

 $\mathbf{H}^{\mathrm{e}}$  was desperate to watch the Ashes even if it meant picking up trash for four years to save for the ticket.

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stumps and trying to get me out lbw and caught behind the

they did and as early as they

did with the new-ball, softened

that ball up and played into our

"For them to go as short as

wicket," he explained.

A 12-year-old boy raised money by taking out his neighbours trash for four years to fulfil his dream of watching Australia take on arch-rivals England in the Ashes and was also rewarded with a bus ride with his heroes, 'cricket.Com.Au' reported.

In 2015, Max Waight saw Australia win the World Cup on home soil and it was then that he decided he wanted to see his team take on England in the iconic Ashes series four years later, the website

His father Damien Waight told him that if he could earn 1,500 Australian dollars (AUD), he would take him to the UK.

Max and his mother came up with the idea of taking out the neighbours' garbage bins on the weekends for a charge of just AUD 1 per household. For four years, Max hauled his neighbours bins

out on the weekends. Bit by bit, he was finally able to raise the money asked

amazing to see all his notes by his father, who booked the

tickets and took the entire family to England to watch the ongoing fourth Test at the Old Trafford in Manchester.

In addition to watching the match, Max also got to meet some of Australia's crick-"I sat next to Steve Waugh,

Justin Langer and Nathan Lyon," Max said.

"Justin Langer showed me the plan book which was and talking to Steve Waugh was amazing too.' He also got meet his two

favourite players.

"Steve Smith and Pat Cummins are my favourites. I got to talk to them about how they prepare and play the game. It was very enjoyable."

At lunch on day two, Australian speedster James Pattinson gave Max a jersey signed by the entire squad.

### Rijiju hopes Indian shooting talent gets reflected 2020 Tokyo Olympics



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju on Friday Slauded the Indian shooters for their unprecedented medal haul at the recently-concluded World Cup and hoped they would carry the stupendous form into next year's Tokyo Olympics as well.

The Indian shooting team returned to the country on Thursday after claiming nine medals, including five golds, at the recently-concluded ISSF World Cup in Rio

"The number of medals that our shooting team has won is commendable and I congratulate the entire team for the outstanding performance," Rijiju told

"We are going to set the record of highest number of athletes, in terms of participation, in shooting for Tokyo Olympics. We have already secured nine berths and I am told there is a possibility of 12 quota "We are now best in the world and I am looking forward to it that the talent that we have in shooting should reflect in the Olympics. We must be able to secure a good number of medals at the Olympics. One of the strongest disciplines from which we will have high hopes is shoot-

The Sports Ministry had recently written to UK Secretary of Sport for shooting's re-inclusion in the Birmingham Commonwealth Games.

Asked about the issue, Rijiju said: "India is one of the most important nations in the Commonwealth Games Federation and excluding shooting from

2022 has upset all of us. ...The decision was taken in the CWG organising executive committee, there were no Indians to put up India's case. So it is not proper to take a decision which is not in the interest of India because everybody knows India has the greatest

strength in shooting.
"We will take it up through diplomatic channels also but since it is a sporting event, we would prefer that the CWG executive committee considers our case, or else we will be very upset and register our protest. I have already written a letter so let's see, the IOA will meet me again."

### Snubbed in 2016, Sanjeev says he was determined to secure Olympic quota came out. They gave me an

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

November 17 and 23.

Sanjeev Rajput always had some "some unfinished business" after being snubbed for the 2016 Rio Olympics and ace marksman wants to accomplish his goals in next year's Tokyo

The 38-year-old from Haryana secured India's eighth Olympic quota in shooting with a silver medal finish in the men's 50m rifle 3 positions at the World Cup in Rio de Janeiro last

"I feel my performance was really good. I have been waiting for this last one year," Rajput, who shot 462.0 in the finals to miss out of the gold to Petar Gorsa of Croatia (462.2), told PTI during a function here.

"I was determined to clinch

Cup as it was my last chance. I have done well in Asian Championship but winning an Olympic quota is different. So I wanted to get it here (in Rio) itself," Rajput said.

The Rio World Cup was the penultimate event to secure an Olympic quota before the Asian Championship in Doha in

He missed out of the Rio Olympics despite securing the quota after the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) replaced him with trap shooter Manavjit Sandhu in the Olympic contingent.

Rajput said that the incident spurred him and he went about his business during the World Cup as if he is competing at the

"In my mind, I was competan Olympic quota at the World ing at the Olympics, which I I protested and I felt the rifle and

couldn't at Rio in 2016," he said. The Haryana shooter said changing a barrel in his rifle helped him to score big at the World Cup.

"It has happened because of the barrel which I changed. The approval was given by SAI and I went to a weapon manufacturing factory in Switzerland a month before the World Cup and I managed to score big at the Rio event," he said.

Rajput survived some anxious moment during the qualification round when one of his shots showed a 'no-score' because of a scoreboard malfunction.

"I was good even in elimination round. In kneeling position, I shot 396 but there was a target malfunction and it was showing 39 shots out of 40. So

another shot after 24 minutes. "But by the time, I completed my kneeling position, the

weather conditions changed,

the top shooters had finished their kneeling and prone posi-"So in this weather condition, chances of getting 9 is more. It was difficult, there was anxiety but I cooled down

myself and I managed somehow

with my experience.

Asked what are his plans in the run up to the Olympics, Rajput said: "I have got very good scores and my world ranking is also good. I have my own strategy. I will compete at the Asian C'ship. There is also National C'ship and we have a WC in New Delhi, which will be an Olympic selection event."

de Janeiro.

reporters after meeting the team here.

**ALWAYS HAVE** COMPASSION: ANUSHKA





# How to be better decision maker

We often make mistakes while taking decisions since, it is an art that is not taught everywhere. Team Viva is up with more ways to be a better decision maker

aking effective and sound decisions is an art that is learned better decisions by using the following guide.

Not necessarily the act of makthrough life experience. We learn how to make decisions during childhood, although we do not always realise that we are being taught to make decisions. Children almost instinctively choose to play with a particular toy based on the

pleasure derived from that toy. Although this is an innate and simplistic decision, a decision making process is evident, nonetheless. Children do not have the contemplative or reasoning skills to recognise that they have made a decision based on which toy he or she prefers. By choosing a specific toy, the child has experienced the decision-making process based on the result he or she experienced last time. The child will most likely choose that same toy again when faced with similar circumstances.

For not a single day we face the issue of making a decision. Some decisions are completely innate and require very little thought. Deciding what to wear, what to eat for lunch or which route to take to work are not the type of life-altering decisions that people dwell on. While these are "no-brainers" for most people, those who tend to over-think every minute detail of their lives can find it difficult to make such decisions. These people tend to feel overwhelmed by the decision-making process. Learn how to be more decisive and make iar and not wandering too far---and

ing decisions that is so frightening, it is uncertainty of the results and repercussions of those decisions that we tend to fear the most. Just

as no one is truly afraid of heights, they are simply afraid of falling.

Making choices and decisions are a part of life. Simply put, the way life unfolds, with its twists and turns, starts and stops, requires us to make choices and decisions to make choices and decisions every step of the way. So, I find it fascinating, and somewhat baffling that by the time young people have reached adulthood many have not mastered the art of decision-making. In fact, many people dread change because this means they will have to contemplate something different from what they're used to and maybe even be required to

make change. Well, there may be many reasons, many factors that determine why some people can just dive into life and do what is required with enthusiasm and excitement while others are paralyzed at the thought of having to step up to anything that might require taking action. A person's temperament, their disposition or nature may contribute to the way they view life. Some people are fearless, enjoying risk and adventure, while others are fearful of making change and making mistakes, preferring to stay close to what is famil-



that includes their choices and decisions. Some people have been burned in the past by poor choices and decisions and are afraid to, once again, risk making a bad choice or decision. So they may do nothing hoping the change will work itself out, or go away, or that somebody else will take care of what needs to be done.

Then there's the issue of children never learning to make decisions because they've never been

Not necessarily the act of making decisions that is so frightening, it is uncertainty of the results and repercussions of those decisions that we tend to fear the most

important choices have been made for them and they may simply have no say in the matter. That may be the fault of parents who try to control too much of their children's lives fearing that they will miss out on what they, the parents, deem to be important unless they, the parents, jump in to ensure the "prop-

er" course for their children. The bottom line is that decision-making is something we all need to learn how to do. This very essential life skill should be taught from very early on since decisionmaking takes years of practice to master. Learning how to make good choices and wise decisions depends upon several factors: a person's developmental stage/age, having a general idea of right and wrong (and I mean this in the broadest moral sense since individual's may acquire their own idea of what is right and wrong for them personally as they mature), understanding what the decision-making process entails.

You may think starting with infants is just too young but that's not the case. It's good practice to reinforce behavior that is unacceptable or potentially harmful. For example, when a baby begins to crawl, finds small objects or dirt on the floor and mouths it, it's appropriate not only to remove the object but to say, "No" and tell the baby why putting this object in their mouth isn't okay. Even though a indecision, keep in min bad decisions can be remouth isn't okay. Even though a

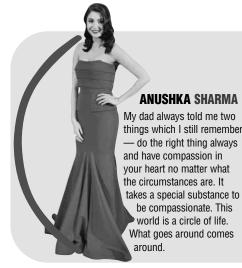
taught how to do it; many of the baby may not initially understand what you're saying, by hearing it over and over again they'll start to make the connection and understand that all behaviors have con-

sequences---some good, some bad. Toddlers need to be given controlled options. For example, offer the child a choice between TWO things only. "Do you want cereal or eggs; milk or juice?" "Do you want to wear the green shirt with these blue pants or this dress with leggings?" This allows the youngster to have a voice in making choices that fit into your choices and routine.

Having had the experience of making poor decisions and having to deal with the outcome of those decisions will serve as a tool to help you make better decisions in the future. The key to making better decisions is to educate yourself and make certain that you are fully informed about the contributing factors. Undoubtedly, most of us have heard the phrase "knowledge is power". If you educate yourself and make an effort to learn as much as you can about the issue, you will find the power within yourself to be

The worst thing you can do when faced with a decision is to overanalyze the issue.

Overanalyzing the situation will only make the decision seem more overwhelming. When faced with indecision, keep in mind that most bad decisions can be remedied and





#### **SONAM KAPOOR**

Kaash is one of my favourite songs from *The* Zoya Factor. I had a lot of fun on the sets as too many comedy of errors kept happening throughout. The song encapsulates my bond with Dulquer (Salmaan) and the chemistry we share. He is good-looking and a great gentleman. Shooting with him has been a delight

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#### **KANGANA RANAUT**

CIRCUITS-

Climate change is not a favourite topic for those people who are pro-industrialisation because it goes against them. Urbanisation and building roads creates job opportunities that offer a great life, huge money and happiness for many. But how long will we be able to



#### **DARSHAN RAVAL**

The track, Dil Mera Blast is all about revelry, something that is synonymous with the festive season. It's for the masses, shot with 300 dancers. This is one of the few independent tracks aimed at masses. Mostly, such songs belong to the romantic or the hip-hop



make their own choices

**ENCOUNTER 45 MINUTES** 

In popular culture, BHARAT BHALA created the idea of a nation which we could feel proud of. He talks to SAIMI SATTAR about the different narratives and stories that he is bringing forth in his new series, Virtual Bharat

he canvas is expansive, not just in terms of the wide angles but the variety of landscape that it covers. But at its heart is a small story — always ready to trigger an emotional chord and at times even bring a lump to your throat. Whatever filmmaker and advertiser Bharat Bala fashions, it seems to be imbued with that magical touch where nationalism and India are the spine but never bubble to the surface in righteous rage as has been happening in the socio-political space in recent times.

Despite that, the original peddler of the idea of pop nationalism (think Vande Mataram, Jana Gana Mana, an ad for the Indian Army and another for Indian Oil) prefers to stay clear of making any political statement even though his films are replete with the message of unity in diversity, something which was hard to miss for anyone growing up in the pre-cable 80s and 90s. "Don't drag me in that direction," is the one liner that he gives out when one asks him about the strident singular narrative that the country is being steered into even though his latest project runs antithetical to that idea.

Virtual Bharat, an online series on YouTube, will be the platform to stream about 1,000 stories of India. "Imagine it destination where you will find unique ones on every aspect from every corner and in almost every language of India told in under 10 minutes and each will be a gem," says Bala.

But who then, if not him, can portray the pride in nation and nationhood. For who can forget AR Rahman's soul stirring Vande Mataram (1997) where the heartfelt vocals and intense voice were ably matched by the visuals where deep colours, a vivid and varied landscape that encompassed the country and a massive 60 feet by 40 feet tricolour made for a song that spoke of inclusivity and love of

Virtual Bharat flowed out of that. "Basically, post Vande Mataram I had many ideas in bits and pieces whether it was İncredible India, School Chalen Hum or Jana Gana Mana or the Commonwealth Games. Additionally, I had travelled across the length and breadth of the country for commercials and witnessed the landscape. I felt this was the opportune time now as content had become the in-thing, mobile consumption is widespread and the net space has been democratised which has given access to people everywhere. I felt now was the time when we can build the big idea of India," he says.

The first film, *Thaalam*, sees his long-time collaborator, music composer and singer AR Rahman light up the screen as he says, "Imagine India on a boat. It is only as strong as the people. The power to win is not in one person. The power is when all of us come together (pauses) as one. One effort one goal. To move forward as a nation, we need to dream together to aspire to build together. Let's find our thaalam as a nation together," and soon one is drawn into the famous

snake boat race of Kerala. However, rather than covering the race, Bala prefers to peek into the story behind it to convey his message. "I wanted that this short film should have a purpose and should be timeless. There has to be a bigger idea which the viewer can take home and retain long after he has seen it. I have seen the snake boats for a long time and to shoot it, was not exciting. When I found that the people from all walks of life — school teachers, shopkeepers, farmers, fishermen - come together and train for about 15 days to row the boats. There are 150 men in one boat and one man sets the rhythm by pounding with a log. If they find the rhythm within themselves, then the boat wins. The idea psyched me and I said there is a bigger story there. That is what I told Rahman, 'Imagine India on a boat. We have such diverse people but if we can second to recce where we take pho-

to be a digital cloud where there are virfind a rhythm within us as a society then tual museums of stories of India. It is one the nation is winning." And the idea is conveyed with such you goosebumps. The four-minute, 18second film is the first in the series, which will cover everything related to culture, food, folklore, poetry, performing arts, landscapes and human interest stories from the remotest parts of the country.

For him, an important ingredient of Virtual Bharat is the timelessness of the story. "So if we watch these today or five years from now, they should create the same emotions," he says.

While *Thaalam* is the only one to be put out, Bharat Bala Productions has already finished making 70 films and researched for 300 stories. "The major effort is in the research. It is exciting," he says and adds matter-of-factly, "Kar rahen hain. Hazaar story aaram se nikal

He says that they have tried to tell the stories in a way that they have a wider appeal. "Most importantly, every film is being made in its original language. So if you are from Bengal, I want you to hear what Marathi, Gujarati, Tamil or Kashmiri sounds like. That is the beauty of India,"

But then isn't it an endorsement of the unity in diversity narrative? "I am not here to take a stand," he emphasises, averting the question but without any rancour. "I am telling a story where I will not influence or interrupt the protagonist's voice. The next film, First Man, is about an adivasi boy from back of the beyond Sambhalpur in Odisha. The beauty of each of the films is that I wouldn't add my opinion. I only use my craft of filmmaking to tell that story in a more beautiful way. There will be good cinema, narrative, editing and sound. We need the audience to experience watching a great movie. For this, I have to make it entertaining and exciting emotionally. I have to fight this big (he emphasises on the 'I' to stress upon the bigness) bandwagon of Hindi cinema which is consumed in billions and zillions. It is a humongous task."

But such a labour of love is always fraught with challenges. "We made around six films but I was not happy with them so we wouldn't use them. I go with real people and sometimes these things don't work out but you can't blame them as they are not actors. So you have to let go and continue. These are hard learnings but that is the way it is," he says and one can almost see him shrug over the phone

Moreover, Bala points out that he has limited resources to make these films which are to be shot in remote locations. We are in Mumbai so I have to make three trips. The first one to research, the

IMAGINE INDIA ON A **BOAT. WE HAVE SUCH** DIVERSE PEOPLE BUT IF WE CAN FIND A RHYTHM WITHIN US AS A SOCIETY THEN THE NATION IS WINNING. I WANTED THAT THIS SHORT FILM SHOULD HAVE A PURPOSE AND SHOULD BE TIMELESS. THERE HAS TO BE A BIGGER IDEA WHICH THE VIEWER CAN TAKE HOME AND RETAIN LONG AFTER HE

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tographs and study the location's characters and the third time to go and shoot. It is logistically expensive as there are mundane things like nowadays, the airlines don't not allow more than 15 kg of baggage and thanks to the equipment, we always have excess. These are all my hardships today," he says and guffaws.

The travel, boarding and lodging push up the costs. "I want all the tools, a proper drone operator, live sound to get that texture and rawness. So I also need sound engineers, camera operators and lighting. I don't want to compromise in films but I still have to make do with a smaller crew and this can have its own challenges," he

The bigger the challenge, the more exciting it is for Bala. During the Commonwealth Games Opening Ceremony, where there were 18,000 performers, Bala's response was "Chalo karenge." He believes in taking up the driest of subjects and making it the most exciting. "Even during Vande Mataram I went to the remotest villages and depicted it the way it was and people wearing their own clothes. You can't say yeh gandagi hai. I want to make it look poetic. So am able to visualise it and make a sense of beauty in things as they are rather than

eating a set up," he says. He believes that the expansive nature of his films is essential for a country which is of the size of India. "It is inevitable, if you have to address such a wide audience. Everyone needs to feel a part of it. In School Chalen Hum, every visual is from a different part of India which is remote. It is only then that each child will say, 'main bhi school ja rahan hun'. It is not just the ones from Bihar or any particular State, rather it is the children of India going to school. It is not a homogeneous, small country but then it is India. Dikhana padega na," he says by way of explanation.

In more ways than one, his films are timeless. In the iconic School Chalen *Hum*, the thought of getting children to school was a universal idea which does not get dated and resonates as much today as it did it when it was aired several years ago. "I am happy that they are surviving and they have the emotion of timelessness," says he.

Whether it is ad films or videos, the idealist patriotic core runs through most of Bala's production and he attributes it to his upbringing. "My father was a Gandhian and he took part in the freedom struggle. The idea of India was ingrained in me. Our upbringing in Delhi was very nationalistic and so I attended every Republic Day and Beating

ne Retreat," he says. They later lived in Madras (presentday Chennai) which was a contrasting environment while he started his professional career in Mumbai. A combination of all these helped him to develop his perspective further. "I think it has given me a wider exposure of India which has helped me. I had this cross-cultural experience. I had very liberal frank parents but somewhere for them the idea of nation was very important. My father told me to celebrate, enjoy and discover this country and I am doing this in a creative way. He was a photo journalist and I imbibed his DNA. When I was making advertisements, he told me that 'you are creating ideas for a product but you should also create a big idea for India and

that is what has inspired me," he says.

So how difficult is it switching media ce he dabbles in a lot of different t including films like Maryan (2013), Journey Across India (2007) and Hari Om (2004). "The fundamental of everything, whether it is ad films, videos or films, is creativity. That keeps on driving me. And each creative idea has to be said in a certain format. Jo cheez 10 second mei dikhana hai usey ek minute mat khinchon aur jo feature film mei batana hai usey feature film mei hi dikhao. I am not the kind of person who is sitting there and saying main sirf feature film banaonga ya sirf documentary or ad film he banaonga. No. I am a film maker I will use any of these forms whatever lends itself well,"

Not being confined to one format has helped him as has the fact that he is very observant and has a good memory. "If I have seen something in a place that I travelled to, I remember that and at the right time I go and access it. I am open to learning. When I go out for a film I am on Ground Zero. I can't say I know everything. For each one, you have to start from the beginning," he says.

A long association that he has had is with his school mate Allah Rakha Rahman, the Mozart of East. Bala says, "We are just like... you have to put a word to it... soulmates. Whenever I take an idea, he understands as he does so many different things from commercial cinema to art. He gets excited and enthusiastic about it. He would be doing original scores for many of these short films."

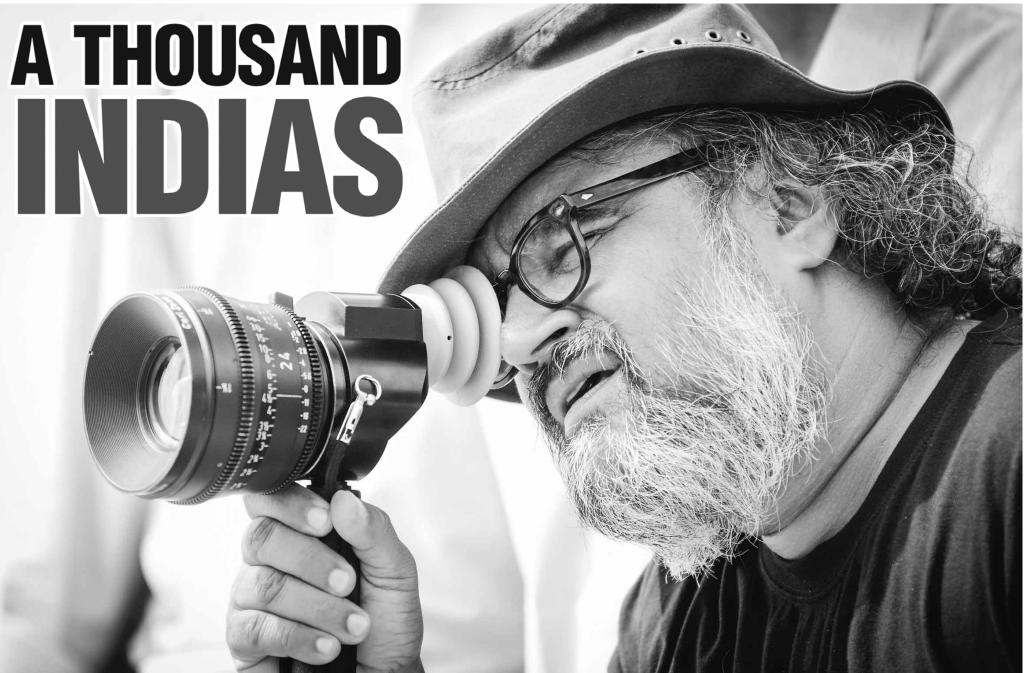
The two of them also collaborated

with the legendary Pakistani singer, Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan, for Vande Mataram, something which is unimaginable in this day and age. "It was spontaneous. We were in New York and we heard that there was a concert. Rahman had never seen Nusrat Saab and we went together and fell in love. Later, I told AR (Rahman) that this is the 50th year of India's Independence and that of Pakistan too. Let music be the binding source. Then we made Gurus of Peace. If we listen to it, politically, it is relevant even today, Chanda suraj laakhon taare hain jab tere hi yeh saare, Kis baat par hothi hai phir

But when you ask him to elaborate, he says, "There are a lot of experts to talk about it. We can talk about positive things. I don't want to get involved in this

and I prefer to remain honest in my craft." So what keeps him going? "Every story is so inspiring and exciting for me to do. It is not as if I am tired because I am doing

a 1,000 films," he says as he signs off. Here's raising a toast to another thousand ideas of India that will live and survive long after us.



– IMMERSIVE 45 MINUTES —

# FOR THE 'SAKE' OF TASTE

After trying a number of crisp, sweet, elegant, rich, sour and bitter sakes at the Embassy of Japan, Chahak MITTAL discovers why Indian markets are a challenge for Japanese brewers

rold the cup close to your face. Let the aroma sink in. Take a small sip, Land let it linger in your mouth, touch your senses and exhilarate your tastebuds before you swallow it. That's what one of the Japanese Sake connoisseurs explained to me when I held my first cup of the quintessential Japanese drink, also known as *Nihonshu* (literally, Japanese liquor) at the Embassy of Japan. Going into the historical background, the visitors were told that sake production was a government monopoly until the 10th century when temples and shrines began to brew their own, which is how, by the 1300s, it became an important ceremonial drink in the country. Coming back to the present, the huge party hall had eight counters, four on each side, that served different flavours of sake and retold the history and the method of creating them.

I first sipped Fujuku Gold Label from the Nada region of Kobe in Japan, which featured an elegant taste with a refreshing bouquet aroma that would remind one of white peach and pear. The biggest factor that's common to all sakes is that their ingredients are only limited to three things - rice, fermented yeast and water with no added flavours. The next, Fujuku Blue Label, which featured a smooth, rice umami flavour, was reminiscent of ripe apricot. Featuring rich flavours and quite the strongest aroma till now, the Fujuku Green Label made its way to my cup. "It's made at the Rokko Mountain, which has extreme temperature swings in the north which are ideal for growing the sake rice. Cold winds moving towards the south are perfect for the slow fermentation process. It does make space for richer and smoother taste. And the local mountain streams supply the naturally pure water or Minamizu. ply the naturally pure water or *Miyamizu*, which has the right mineral content. The process of producing sake has been the same for as long as 266 years now with these basic, natural ingredients," said the Fujuku brewer.

The Gokujo Miyanoyuki from the Miyazaki Honten was the next. This sake was sweet as sugar and smooth as a vibe, blending a fruity aroma with bitterness that appeared to be pleasant and had a rich taste. Its Daiginjo Miyanoyuki, undiluted sake, had a mellowed taste and made one enjoy the refined aroma of ginjoshu. Mika Eoka, brewer and server at the counter, said, these sakes are good for the skin as they consist of local, clear and soft natural mineral water. "Its minerals pro-



your tastebuds. Rich, sweet and elegant, this plum and red chilli-infused sake gives both a tangy and a sweet taste. "Umeshu is known to be the star in the Japan's lexicon of well-made booze as plums are a staple of the Japanese culture," said the brewer and pointed towards the statistics by Japan's National Tax Agency (NTA), which highlight that liqueur exports, primarily umeshu, more than doubled from 1.84 billion yen (\$18 million) to 4.21 billion (\$38 million) between 2011 and

While there are 300 versions of Umeshu in the Japanese market, a sake connoisseur enlightened us about this one. He said, "Its flavour balance is created by aging the whole fruit, with the stone still inside it and by salving it in version to the salving it in version to the salving it in version to the salving it in version to the salving it in version to the salving it in version to the salving it in version to the salving it in version to the salving it in version to the salving it in version to the salving it in version to the salving it is version to the salving it in version to the salving it is version to the s soaking it in various types of alcohol. The citric acid in the fruit gives it a pleasant tanginess and a taste that is sweet and tart with notes of almonds. Some brands also mix in sugar, cane spirit or brandy to create a more refined taste. The premium brands are

also aged for several years."

Feremed Sparkling Junmai

The Ninki-Ichi Bottle

Ginjo, the next one, is a sparkling sake which is fermented only in rice and koji (or ice mold) in a bottle. It's this second bottle fermentation and not carbonation, which gives it its bubbles and sparkle. Crisp, dried and bright, the sake made me experience a blend of flavours of grape, cherry and pear with a pinch of lime.

cherry and pear with a pinch of lime.

However, the award of 'tasty sake at a reasonable price' goes to the Ninki-Ichi Goldninki Junmai Daiginjo. Aromatic and crisp, pleasantly dry and slightly sweet, the sake was well-balanced and had a fresh finish. The taste was more distinct than any of the other that I had tried till now. It's usually preferred chilled and can accompany best with white fish sashimi. accompany best with white fish sashimi, steamed chicken and salad.

The last ones — quirky and fresh — from the OZEKI Corporation were the best. 'Shake it well before you drink it,' was the instruction I received from the servers. The IKEZO Peach was an amazing sparkling jelly sake with an exquisite refreshing acidity, which had a mellow texture and surprised me with its flavour of

The IKEZO Mix-Berry was certainly the best — absolutely berrylicious. Its transparent strawberry, blueberry and cranberry jelly made the sake fruity and

gently sweet. "It can also be enjoyed like dessert, you know?" said Noriko Nasukawa, president of Nihongo Centre in India for Japanese Language Professional Services.

After some mind-blowing tasting of some of Japan's best sakes, knowing about how the drink is so important for Japanese and their culture that they even have a Miss Sake every year, there were questions hovering in my mind — Has India caught up with the global sake trend? Why are these not widely available in India yet?

Noriko, who has been living in India for the past 20 years now, emphasised on their unavailability. "Sashimi quality fishes are no longer an exotic dish for Indians for which they need to travel abroad. However, sake does need some more space. The Indian market no doubt presents a huge challenge for sake brewers, but that's also the reason why venturing to break into the market is so exciting. Isn't it?" said she.

Ambassador Hiramitsu looks at sake a medium of reaching the "ultimate objective" of strengthening of India-Japan relations and its people-to-people connect. He said, "Sake complements the spicy Indian food very well. And we are trying to make it widely available in the country.



salmon or sushi, but "perfectly with "paneer and chicken tikka as well (laughs)." The Miyanoyuki Junmaishu was yet another sake which was a perfect alcoholic drink that can accompany any meal due to its soft texture and good vibe.

Next up was the *Ninki-Ichi*, the 'handmade' sake. My favourith it he lot. At this counter, the first thing I heard from the people around was that "It's known for its fragrances". The first known for its fragrances." The first, Ninki-Ichi Yuzu-shu (citron liqueur), commonly known as a 'winter delicay', amazes you with its special limelike citrus aroma. With its hazy, lemon-y colour, the yuzu juice takes over your tastebuds and everything else, making your jaws tingle and crave for more at the same time. Not once would you feel like it was indeed a variety of alcohol. When have we ever tasted that sour a

Its Ninki-Ichi Umeshu (plum liqueur) is yet another surprise for

duce sweetness as well as a mellow texture

and a refreshing taste. Regardless of how

you drink it, you will be satisfied with its

taste due to the delicious fine-blended

materials," added she. It could be an

accompaniment with not just smoked

#### STUDIO CHAT 30 MINUTES

# Spread your wings

Actor ROHIT ROY tells SAKSHI SHARMA that he has done a variety of roles in the past few years of his career as he has become competent to pull off these characters

Picture this. You are sitting in a chair in a theatre which is absolutely silent. Suddenly a doll falls on the stage as the clock strikes midnight and the gong echoes across the place. You start breathing heavily as you stare at the empty stage and feel its void within you and the person sitting beside you lets out a frightened scream while you are still strug-

gling to maintain your calm.
This nerve-racking feeling while reading the script made actor Rohit Roy go for the play *Ovee* too. He tells us, "I was looking for comedy and romantic roles, completely opposite to what I am doing but the script blew my mind. I wondered how is it even possible to do a horror play on stage in front of a live audience. How will you scare people? Then when I saw it with all the effects, I realised how it will go ahead and that made me go

The horror play, Ovee, revolves around a teenage girl who having lost her parents during her childhood was sent to an orphanage. She lives as an occupant in a room where a girl was murdered some time ago. During her stay, she starts experiencing certain paranormal activities. Her friend and psychiatrist Nikhil (played by Roy) comes to her help.

Not only a psychiatrist, Roy also plays two other roles — that of a cop and Chacha ji. The latter is very different from what he perceives himself to be in real life but he enjoys it the most as he has a very "different style." So how challenging it was for him to play three roles in the same play? He says, "It was not easy. I tried to keep the three characters different from each other in terms of their voice and styling so that the audience feels



engaged throughout and not get confused between the characters. While rehearsing, I used to remind myself again and again that one role has ended, and now this is the new one." However, Nikhil is the character which is the closest to his heart. Even though his is the lengthiest part in the play but Roy is glad to play the "most meaty" character.

The actor says that through this play he wanted to challenge himself and come out of his comfort zone. He says, "Everything that I have attempted in the last few years is very dif-

ferent from the roles I have done in my entire career. I have become more responsible after my daughter Kiara was born. I now feel I am competent enough to pull off various roles. I was never this good. I don't want my child to say, 'Papa what kind of a role you have done?' I want her to be proud

The actor was recently seen playing the role of Amit Shellar, a villain and rapist in Kaabil. And it was another one which was difficult for him to come to terms with as he had to get out of his 'good boy' image, "but

then when I took it up, I realised, as an actor, it's very important to spread your wings and try something new." Roy is currently seen as Dr Vardhan in Sanjivani 2, which he says is probably the "best comeback for an actor" on TV. "Vardhan is a character I would not have done five years back because I always thought that the audience will not accept me as him. It would only accept me in a romantic comedy or the 'boy next door' type of roles. But I have realised that if the role is good and I enact it well, peo-

ple will like it," adds he. The actor

has played a plethora of parts

and he feels that striking a

balance between them gets easier with experience. Roy feels that no actor is complete till s/he does theatre as it serves as a real test for them. Therefore, now after working for many years, he feels that he is capable enough to try theatre of different

> Directed by Aniket Patil, the play explores the horror genre its his favourite." He says, "The story of the play has come from my imagination." To stage this, he

even learnt a few magic tricks from YouTube. Through the play, Patil wants to send the message — 'There is a fear within us everytime but in order to achieve what we desire, we need to break those dreadful walls and come out of it.'

So how is a horror play different from a film or show in the same genre? Says Roy, "I don't want to compare films and TV with theatre because there we have cuts, retakes, background music and light effects to create horror and a thrilling vibe. But in theatre, it is different." It demands a more nuanced preparation altogether, he believes and adds, "If an actor gets a wrong cue, the entire lighting scene will go for a toss. Generally, you read your lines and then say it in your own language. But here it has to be the same because the words act as a cue for the crew to give the light effects or to make space for prompts

to appear."

Talking about why horror comedy is not very prevalent when it comes to theatre, Roy says that it's because it's very challenging to unfold the horror, sound and special effects here. "So people don't want to do it. I was also looking for a romantic

comedy in the first place (laughs)."
The actor doesn't take Rohit Roy to the show anymore. He's evolved manifold. "Once I am ready, I understand my character, which is something I didn't do earlier. I used to proudly say that every role had a bit of me in it but now things have changed," says he and adds that it would be evident in Ovee too as the Rohit would "look like an original erson and not some Chacha ji.'

Selection of a script for him varies with its medium. He says, "In web, there are finite number of episodes, which focus on every character individually. But I want my character to be strong in all the episodes. In films, I see what it is about. My role comes secondary. On TV, it changes again. As it is a never-ending process, I see my character first."

The actor believes that every role shapes you into a better person by teaching something. So, he loves to take a bit of every character home with him and learn from it. "In Unfaithfully Yours, I took the comedy home. From Vardhan, I have realised that one must attempt different roles," says he.

(The play will be staged today and tomorrow at 4pm and 7pm at Kamani Auditorium.)

#### – CONVERSATION 15 MINUTES – – –

Inessing the strength of the tiger, the stealth of the leopard, the fragility of the cheetah, the brute power of the jaguar, the assured confidence of the puma, the magical ability of a snow leopard to disappear, the terrestrial lifestyle of the clouded leopards, and the machismo of the lions. It is likely to captivate and bound you to spend more time with them.

Directed by John Downer, the series Serengeti takes you to a similar journey into the unspoilt corner of Africa, discovering the most iconic Savannah animals in the world and examines and explores their daily lives.

An Indian wildlife enthusiasts Latika Nath shares her experiences of visiting the place and its wildlife while the series was being shot. She says that she got struck by seeing the vastness of the savannah grassland, all without human habitation and concrete structures, and the sheer numbers of the wildlife.

The reducing number of tigers is a matter of concern all across the world. Why is nothing concrete being done to save them? "As long as the political benefits from the uses and conversions of tiger habitat are larger than the costs of maintaining them it will not help. It will undermine all conservation efforts for the long-term survival of the tigers." She further says that we need a leadership where all echelons of the government and all ranks of the bureaucracy are committed to the conservation of

our national animal. The world is facing the issue of climate change, glaciers are melting, there is non-periodic shift in the weather patterns. Latika says, "There needs to be a widespread awareness that tiger is an umbrella species and by affording protection to the forests we are ensuring the conservation of water, gene pools of fauna and flora and also fighting climate change in the most effective manner known today.

Latika says that out of all species that she had encountered the great cats fascinated her the most. "All of them were incredible." She says that every encounter with a wild species is special. "One of the most extraordinary ones in recent times would be walking



Wildlife enthusiast LATIKA NATH says that people need to understand they are fighting for their own survival when they look at stories of other species. By TEAM VIVA





with a pack of wild dogs in Africa some years ago. The closest I got to them was three feet on foot, unarmed and alone," adds she.

Our ecological system is under constant threat. It is very important to understand that it is the need of the hour to save the system from collapsing else it will have long term implications on our sustainable development as well. Latika says, "Man needs to control his greed and learn to act as a guardian for the lands he lives in. He needs to understand that he is fighting for his own survival when he talks of the survival of the species on this planet."

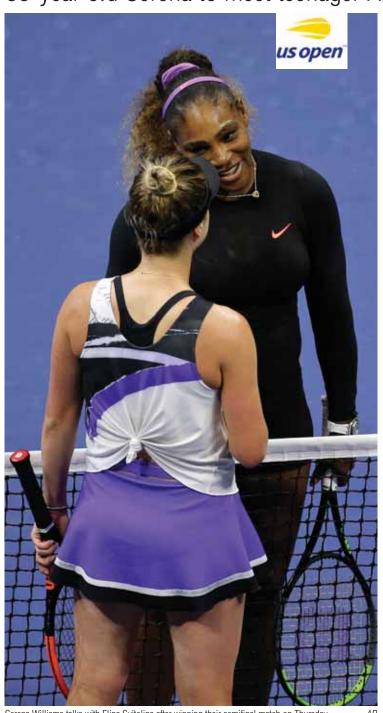
While the word of wildlife crisis spreads across, the young generation is also taking interest and efforts in its revival. Latika shares that she has been approached time and again by youngsters. She likes spending time with them and having interesting conversations with students of all age groups. "There is an increasing awareness of the need for conservation of species and to fight climate change in children of all age groups today,"

she adds. She always want to be in the field exploring different species all across. She tries to make a difference by making people aware about the revival of the species and natural elements. "It is essential to contribute to the environment, even if it is small and at the grassroots level," says she.

(The series will premiere on Sony BBC Earth on September 9.)

# Clash of Generation

#### 38-year old Serena to meet teenager Andreescu in US Open final today for record equaling 24th Slam



Serena Williams talks with Elina Svitolina after winning their semifinal match on Thursday

**AFP** ■ NEW YORK

erena Williams will face Scanadian teenager Bianca Andreescu for the US Open title as the American set herself up for another attempt to clinch a record-equaling 24th Grand Slam singles title.

Williams, who turns 38 this month, cruised into a 10th US Open final on Thursday by brushing aside fifth seed Elina Svitolina 6-3, 6-1, earning her 101st win at the tournament to draw level with Chris Evert for the most in history.
Williams is seeking to match

Margaret Court's all-time record of 24 major titles and will play 19-year-old Andreescu, who defeated Belinda Bencic 7-6 (7/3), 7-5, on Saturday in her bid for a record seventh US Open tri-

"To be in yet another final, seems honestly crazy. But I don't really expect too much less, said Williams, who is through to her 33rd major final.

"I've had so many chances to pass it (Court's record) and to have a lot more, but it's cool because I'm playing in an era with so many five eras with so many amazing play-

She won her first Grand Slam title at the 1999 US Open — before Andreescu was even born — but has lost her last three major finals since capturing the 2017 Australian Open crown while pregnant. She hasn't won the US Open since 2014.
Williams fought off six break

points across her opening three service games before finding her rhythm to dispatch Wimbledon semi-finalist Svitolina in 70 minutes, hitting 34 winners against just 20 unforced errors.

"I know how (Svitolina) can play, she's such a good player," Williams said. "Obviously two

"To be in yet another final, it seems honestly crazy. But I don't really expect too much less."

-Serena Williams

"It's just surreal. I really don't know what to say. It's a dream come true playing Serena in the finals of the US Open. It's crazy, it's crazy.'

-Bianca Andreescu

"For sure last two Slams been good for me. I'm very happy the way I could handle the tough moments. Unfortunately it's both times finished really one-sided, which I have to analyze.'

- Elina Svitolina

semis in a row is really hard to do and I just wanted to not get off to a slow start and I wanted controversy.

to hang on in there." Svitolina, 24, was attempting Williams, who was beaten by Simona Halep in the Wimbledon become just the second final in July, returns to krainian to play in a Grand the championship Slam singles final after Andrei Medvedev, who lost in five sets

> French Open. "On the important moments, she steps up, always steps up, always brings her best game," Svitolina said.

'She knows what she has to do. She has unbelievable strength. She gives lots of power. There's lots of power behind her shots all the time. That's what makes her unbelievable, egendary tennis player."

'SURREAL' MOMENT

Andreescu, who fell in US Open qualifying the past two years, continued her meteoric rise on her main draw debut in New York to overcome former Swiss prodigy Bencic. The 15th-seeded Canadian

played catch-up for much of the opening set and saved a set point at 4-5 with a forehand winner, but she rattled off the first five points of the tie-break and

#### RECORD ALERT

Serena could become only the fourth mother in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam title after Aussies Court and Evonne Goolagong Cawley and Belgium's Kim Clijsters.

■Three weeks shy of her 38th birthday, she would become the oldest women's champion in Grand Slam history, surpassing the age mark she set in winning the 2017 Australian Open at 35 while

Williams seeks a record seventh US Open title to surpass the mark she now shares with Chris Evert. If she wins the finale it would give her 102 US Open match wins, one more than the record 101 she shares with Evert.

■Andreescu became just the second Canadian woman — after Eugenie Bouchard at Wimbledon in 2014 — to reach a Grand

■She is the second teenage Grand Slam finalist this year — after French Open runner-up Marketa Vondrousova — and will bid to become the first teen Grand Slam champion since Maria Sharapova won at Flushing Meadows in 2006.

York a year on from her infasealed it when Bencic swatted a forehand long. Bencic, the 13th seed, raced mous meltdown in a loss to Naomi Osaka overshadowed by

5-2 ahead with a double break in the second set but Andreescu refused to buckle and reeled off the final five games to set up a rematch of last month's Toronto final against Williams, who to Andre Agassi at the 1999 retired from that clash with a back injury.

"It's just surreal. I really don't know what to say. It's a dream come true playing Serena in the finals of the US Open. It's crazy, it's crazy," Andreescu said.

"I think it's just all the hard work I've put in through the years. If someone told me a year ago I would be in the US Open final this year, I'd tell them they were crazy.

Andreescu is trying to become the first Canadian singles Grand Slam champion, and could be the fourth first-time major champion in five years to win the women's US Open title.

"It was really just about some points that turned everything around. Also in the second set, I think I had so many break chances which I didn't use. But I think she played the best on them," Bencic said. "She totally deserves to be in

PAYAS STORMS INTO ASIAN JR FINAL
NEW DELHI: India's Payas Jain stormed into the
cadet boys final of the 25th Asian Junior Table
Tennis Championships beating South Korean Lin
Yunoh 4-3 on Friday to assure himself of at least a Silver medal. The seventh seeded Indian won 15-13, 11-9, 9-11, 3-11, 11-9, 11-6. Besides the medal, Payas also earned a place in the Asian squad that will compete in the World Cadet Challenge, to be held at Wladyslawowo, Poland, this October. This will be the second medal for the Indians at the championships after the junior boys had clinched a Silver medal. Jain will take on top-seed and world No 1 Yuanyu Chen in the

#### **EASWARAN PUTS INDIA RED ON FRONT BENGALURU:** Bengal right-hander Abhimanyu

Easwaran staked his claim for a place in the senior side with a 153-run knock as India Red marched towards the title by building a 114-run lead over India Green at stumps on day three of the Duleep Trophy here on Friday. Easwaran (153 off 300 balls; 16x4s, 2x6s) added 51 runs to his overnight score as India Red finished the day at 345 for 6 in 116 overs in reply to India Green's first innings score of 231 in 72.1 overs. Aditya Sarvate (30 batting) and Jaydev Unadkat (10 batting) were at the crease at the draw of stumps. The lanky Rajpoot was the best bowler for India Green, capturing three wickets including that of Easwaran but the others could not make much of an impression on the rival batsmen.

#### CHILE-ARGENTINA PLAY GOALLESS DRAW

Los Angeles: Argentina and Chile ground out a 0-0 draw on Thursday in a niggly friendly international between the two South American rivals. Argentina, missing the suspended Lionel Messi and several other European-based stars including Sergio Aguero and Angel Di Maria, enjoyed the better chances but were unable to find a goal in front of a sparsely populated Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Chile, with Alexis Sanchez leading their attack, were similarly uninspired in front of goal. Thursday's game was the latest instalment of an increasingly bitter rivalry between the two sides who met in both the 2015 and 2016 Copa America finals, won by Chile on each occasion

#### UP YODDHA BEAT PATNA PIRATES 41-29

BENGALURU: UP Yoddha stunned three-time champions Patna Pirates 41-29 in a VIVO Pro Kabaddi League match at the SreeKanteerava Stadium on Friday. Shrikanth Jadhav (Super 10 with 10 points), Surender Gill (7 points) and Nitesh Kumar (5 tackle points) were all in form for the UP side, which produced an all-round performance to secure an important victory that has them knocking at the doors of a playoff berth. Patna Pirates struggled to get a stranglehold of the match despite another Super 10 ( 14 raid points) from their raider Pardeep Narwal. The lack of alternatives to Pardeep Narwal in the raiding department has been a major problem for Patna Pirates in this season and it was all too evident against UP Yoddha.

### Rashid's show puts Afghans on top



Afghanistan players return back to pavilion at the end of 2nd day ACB

**AFP** ■ CHITTAGONG

Spin sensation Rashid Khan starred with bat and ball on Friday as Afghanistan took command in the one-off Test against Bangladesh here.

Rashid hit 51 off 61 balls to take Afghanistan to 342 in their first innings and then claimed 4-47 to leave Bangladesh struggling at 194 for eight at stumps on the second day.

Mominul Haque scored the only half-century for Bangladesh, 52 off 71 balls, while Mosaddek Hossain remained unbeaten on 44 to spare some blushes for the home side against the Test minnows.

Bangladesh Jost a wicket in the very first over of their innings when Yamin Ahmadzai dismissed opener Shadman Islam for nought but Soumya Sarkar and Liton Das steadied the innings with a 49-run

Mohammad Nabi removed Soumya leg-before for 17 before Rashid introduced himself in the attack with immediate impact as he bowled Liton for 33.

He unleashed further destruction in his fifth over, trapping Shakib Al Hasan leg before for 11 and removing Mushfiqur Rahim for a duck two balls later as Bangladesh were reduced to 88-5 at tea.

They did no better after play resumed in the final session as Rashid bowled Mahmudullah Riyad for seven and left others with little clue against his leg-

Mominul launched a counter-attack to bring his fifty off 69 balls but paid the price for his aggression as he gave a catch to Asghar Afghan at mid-off off Mohammad Nabi, who finished the day with 2-53.

Mosaddek survived the day with tail-ender Taijul Islam, 14 not out, but Bangladesh still face a mountain to climb, trailing Afghanistan by 148 runs in the first innings with just two wickets in hand.

Rashid earlier led Afghanistan's batting charge with his maiden Test fifty after they lost early wickets, having resumed the second day's play.

Taijul finished with 4-116 for Bangladesh while Shakib and off-spinner Nayeem Hasan claimed two wickets each.

## Samson stars in series win

**PTI** THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Local hero Sanju Samson struck a blistering 48-ball 91 as India A romped to a 36-run win over South Africa A in the fifth and final unofficial ODI, helping the hosts claim the series 4-1 on Friday. Kerala wicketkeeper batsman

Samson, who has played one T20 International for India, showcased his skills in another rain-affected game at the Sports Hub. In a rain-affected 20 overs-a-side

game, India A made 204 for 4 before restricting South Africa A to 168 all out with Shardul Thakur taking 3 for 9 from three overs. Samson exhibited his hitting

abilities, smashing some huge sixes as he toyed with the rival Proteas attack during his 135-run second wicket partnership with India regular Shikhar Dhawan (51 off 36 balls), who posted his second straight half-Samson overshadowed his illus-

trious partner and tonked the Proteas bowlers with disdain, hitting some massive sixes. Dhawan fell while going for a big

hit to give George Lind (2/43) his first Samson was dismissed after



India A players pose with the winners trophy after the end of final match of 5-match series

adding 23 runs with skipper Shreyas Iyer (36), when in sight of a welldeserved ton. His knock of 91 is his highest List A score. Iyer played some stylish shots to

round off the India A innings. In reply, South Africa got off to

a quick start but regular fall of wickets set the team back. Opener Reeza Hendricks (59 off 43) was his usual aggressive self and in the company of Kyle Verreynne (44 off 24) brought the visitors back into the game with

some superb strokeplay.
But continuos dismissal affected

the team's momentum.

Samson was named man of the match for his robust innings. Meanwhile, it was learnt that

Samson donated his entire match to the groundsmen and ground support staff after his match-winning knock today. All the five matches in unofficial ODI series saw rain disruptions and the work of the ground staff in getting the venue ready came in for

The two teams will now play two four-day matches, beginning here on September 9.

### Hanuma treats every Test as last

ricketers often talk about how a sense of security helps their performance but not Hanuma Vihari, who believes in treating every Test match as "his last" because it helps him

be on guard against complacency.

The 25-year-old Andhra batsman emerged as the top run-getter with 291 runs in India's 2-0 series win over the West Indies and vindicated the team management's decision to have him instead of the more stylish Rohit Sharma in the playing XI.

"Obviously I am very happy that I have done well but I went into this tour with a clean slate. I decided to take one Test match at a time. For me, every Test match is my last. It helps me get into a mindset that I have nothing to lose and play accordingly," Vihari said. Recently, Virat Kohli complimented

Vihari for his temperament, which the skipper feels infuses a sense of calm in the dressing room. He called Vihari the find of the West

"You can't ask for anything more if the change room has faith in your abilities. That is certainly the best compliment I could have got and coming from the skipper himself, it can't get better," said Vihari, who now has 456 runs in six Tests, including a hundred and

But the calm demeanour and steely resolve hasn't come in a day or two but around seven years of toiling in the domestic arena. "It has happened because of the years of



numa Vihari plavs a shot against West Indies

hard work that I put in at the domestic level. Before playing for India, I had played nearly 60 first-class games.

'I have faced pressure situations at the first-class level. It prepared me for bigger challenges. Thanks to the Andhra Cricket Association and (chairman of selectors) MSK Prasad sir for giving me a chance to play for Andhra," said Vihari, whose first-class average of 60.30 after 75 games, is among the top-

### Rathour concerned about Test openers

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ndia's newly-appointed **L**batting coach Vikram Rathour on Friday said the opening slot and the performance of the middle-order in ODIs are his primary concerns as he prepares to begin his tenure with the series against South Africa.

Rathour replaced Sanjay Bangar when fresh appointments were made for the coaching and support staff. His tenure started on Thursday and the first big challenge awaiting him is the home Twenty20

and Test series against South Africa from September 15.

'The middle-order in one-day is not doing well and we must, of course, sort it out...The other area of concern is the opening partnership in Tests. We have options and there is healthy competition. well," he said.



We need to find a way for them to be more consistent," Rathour told the BCCI's official website. Rathour said the likes

of Shreyas Iyer and Manish Pandey seem to be good options for the -over format. "Shreyas Iyer has

done well in the last couple of games and we also have Manish Pandey. These two guys have done very well in domestic cricket and with India A. These are the batters who are capable of doing the job and I have no

doubt about it in my mind. "It is a matter of getting it right at the

top level. We need to back them and provide them with the right preparations so that they can be there for a longer time. They have enough talent in them to do

## Spain, Italy maintain perfect starts

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Spain took a step closer to qualification for Euro 2020 on Thursday after surviving a scare in Romania to win 2-1 and continue their 100 percent record, while Italy also kept their perfect start with a 3-1 win in Armenia.

A Sergio Ramos first half penalty and a beautiful team goal finished off by Paco Alcacer were just about enough for Spain, and made their record five wins from five to maintain their five-point lead at the top of Group F in their first match since Luis Enrique stepped down as coach in

Spain are followed by Sweden, who are on 10 points after thumping the Faroe Islands 4-0, and Norway a further two points back after their comfortable 2-0 over Malta.

Earlier Italy strengthened their grip on Group J after coming from behind to see off Armenia thanks to a Andrea Belotti brace and Lorenzo Pellegrini's first international goal.

Roberto Mancini's side are three points ahead of second-placed Finland,



second goal against Romania

1-0 victors over Greece thanks to a Teemu Pukki penalty, and seven ahead of Bosnia and Herzegovina in third after the win in Yerevan, which came despite the Italians trailing after 11 minutes when Aleksandre Karapetyan.

Torino captain Belotti tapped in Emerson Palmieri's cross to put Italy level on 28 minutes before Karapetyan went from hero to villain by being sent off in first half stoppage time for a second yellow card.

Belotti doubled his tally 10 minutes from time after substitute Pellegrini had put the away side in the

David McGoldrick made sure that the Republic of Ireland stayed top of Group D with a late leveller in Dublin that gave the hosts a 1-1 draw with Switzerland.

The Irish are three points in front of second-placed Denmark — 6-0 winners over Gilbraltar — and six ahead of third placed Switzerland, who however have two games in

Poland, another team yet to drop point, will have the chance to increase their four-point lead at the top of Group G at Slovenia after second-placed Israel were held 1-1 at home by North Macedonia.