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ବଣଆପଟ ପାଶ୍ୱରୁ ମେଘନାଦ ପାଚେର ପରବେଷ୍ଟତ ଶ୍ରୀମନ୍ଦିର ଓ ପତିତପାବନ ବାନାର ଅପୂର୍ବ ଦୃଶ୍ୟ ।



ବଣିଆପଟିରୁ ସ୍ଥାନାନ୍ତରିତ ହୋଇ ଅନ୍ୟତ୍ର ଥଇଥାନ ହୋଇଛନ୍ତି ୨୦ ଜଣ ବ୍ୟବସାୟୀ । ପୂର୍ବରୁ ଏ ସ୍ଥାନରେ ମାତ୍ର ତିନିରୁ ଚାରିହଜାର ଲୋକ ମହାପ୍ରଭୁଙ୍କ ସୁନାବେଶ ଦର୍ଶନର ସୁଯୋଗ ପାଉଥିଲେ । ଏବେ ସେହି ସ୍ଥାନରେ ୫୦ ହଜାର ଭକ୍ତ ମହାପ୍ରଭୁଙ୍କ ଅପୂର୍ବ ସୁନାବେଶ ଦର୍ଶନର ସୌଭାଗ୍ୟ ପାଇବେ ।

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# Rath Yatra to be held on one date nationwide Union Min appears in court in city

In view of the annual Rath Yatra being celebrated across the globe on separate dates, the authorities have now decided to conduct the world famous festival of Lord Jagannath on one date in the country to be fixed as per the Hindu almanac.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the temple Managing
Committee chaired by Shree
Iagannath
Temple Administration (SJTA) Chief Administrator Krishan Kumar held here on Friday.

The committee came out in support for holding the Rath Yatra nationwide on the same day (2nd day of Ashadha month Suklua Paksha) when the nine-



Jagannath, Lord Balahadra and Devi Subhadra outside the temple is celebrated in the pilgrimsge town of Puri.

A letter would be written in this regard to the administrations of other States in the country where the Rath Yatra is being celebrated every year.

Besides, the members of the committee decided to expedite functioning of Adarsh Gurukulam, a proposed model school meant for the children of the Shreemandir servitors.

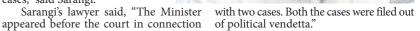
A sub-committee was constituted for preparing plan and design of the proposed Gurukul, informed Krishan Kumar. The children of servitors who are enrolled in other schools would get scholarship, he said.

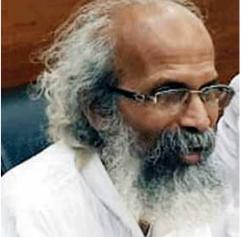
Tnion Minister Pratap Chandra Sarangi on Friday appeared before a special court here in connection with the cases pertaining to the cremation of a dead body in 2004 and his alleged involvement in a protest in 2011.

Reports said the cases against Sarangi were filed under the SC and

Terming the allegations baseless, Sarangi said he has respect for law and that's why he decided to appear before the court. "These cases against me are completely baseless; and as the mat-

ter is sub-judice we shouldn't discuss about them. Only the complainants can say on what basis they lodged the cases," said Sarangi.





#### INBRIEF

#### DR AGARWAL'S EYE HOSP HOLDS HUMAN CHAIN

Bhubaneswar: The Dr Agarwal's Eve Hospital Bhubaneswar on the occasion of the 34th Eve **Donation Fortnight** organised a human chain here on Friday. Social activist Dr Jagannath Mohapatra joined the human chain as quest which aimed to create



awareness among people to donate eyes after death to give sight to corneal blind persons. Hospital Medical Services head Dr Bijava Kumar Mohanty, retina specialist Dr Samir Vankawala, cornea specialist Dr Binita Gandhi, AGM Pradyumna Kishore Mohanty and staffs took part in the human chain.

#### DAV P'PUT WINS TCS IT WIZ BBSR EDITION Bhubaneswar: The

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) held its IT Wiz India's biggest inter-school technology quiz, Bhubaneswar edition here on Friday. The Aryam Padhy and Pratyush Kumar Chakra of the DAV

Public School, Pokhariput were the winners and Amritansu Sahoo and Siddhant Tripathi of the Future Bhubaneswar School were runners up. This year the quiz witnessed participation from over 1,020 students from Class VIII-XII. Sports and Youth Services Minister Tusharkanti Behera and TCS BBSR head Manoj Kumar Panda attended as guests and distributed the prizes. The winners walked away with a trophy and gift vouchers worth Rs 60,000. They will go on to represent Bhubaneswar at the National Finals in Mumbai

# 6 Govt advisors get MoS status

BHUBANESWAR: The State Government on Friday conferred Minister of State (MoS) and other ranks to its 11 advisors appointed from among BJD leaders recently.

Six Advisors were provided the MoS rank. They are Mission Yojana Advisor Sudhir Das, Minorities Affairs, ST and SC Development Minorities and Backward Classes Welfare Department Advisor Mujibulla Khan, ET and IT Advisor Anubhav Pattnaik, Agriculture and Farmers Empowerment Department Advisor Krutibas Patra and Odisha State Agriculture Marketing Board Advisor Ramachandra Panda.

Ranks of Chief Secretary and Principal Secretary were provided to five other Advisors.

#### TRAFFIC RULE VIOLATIONS Odisha collects highest fine in country | \*88.90 lakh in 4 days



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Odisha has collected the highest amount of fine amounting to ₹88.90 lakh in just four days while implementing the amended MV Act for traffic rule violations.

Reports said the Odisha Motor Vehicles department has issued a total of 4,080 challans against violators of traffic rules collecting ₹88.90 lakh as fine during the period. In addition, total 46 vehicles

have been seized so far. On September 1, total

1,138 challans were issued and ₹19.4 lakh was collected while 499 challans were issued on September 2 and ₹15.5 lakh penalty amount was collected. On September 3, a total of 895 challans were issued against total fine of ₹24.5 lakh while 1548 challans were issued on September 4 with collection of ₹29.5 lakh.

After Odisha, the Haryana Government collected the second highest fine amount of ₹52.32 lakh by issuing 3,900 challans against traffic viola-

### RAVENSHAW GIRL DEATH —— Dereliction of duty by traffic cops suspected PROBE UNDERWAY, SAYS DCP

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day after a Plus III girl student of the Ravenshaw AUniversity here was run over by a truck in front of the campus on Thursday, Cuttack DCP Akhileshwar Singh on Friday hinted at dereliction of duty by the traffic cops who were present near the spot.

The DCP told reporters that prima facie, there seems to be dereliction of duty on the part of the three traffic personnel. However, an investigation into the incident is underway by an ACP-rank traffic official and the probe report would be submitted by evening on the day, he

Earlier on the day, a group of students hadstaged a protest in front of the university campus demanding compensation to the family of the deceased girl. They also demanded imposition of restrictions on plying of

# Sivananda school academic block opened

#### Pradhan also inaugurates hostel building

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he Sivananda Centenary Boys' High School is providing spiritual and value-based education. The unique teaching not only helps students for their develop-ment but is also instrumental in the betterment of society,

Union Petroleum and Natural Gas and Steel Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said this inaugurating an academic block and a hostel building of the school located on the foothills of historic Khandagiri hills here on



has been instrumental in providing quality education to students in Odisha?

Pradhan laying the founda-He said, "To make Odisha a tion stone of the Swami

Sivananda Activity Centre said the institution will be a laboratory of imparting education with yoga. He also said the academic block and hostel has been constructed by the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) under its CSR initiative.

Bhubaneswar MP Aparajita

Sarangi, school managing committee secretary Swami Sivachidananda Saraswati, joint secretary Jagannathananda Saraswati, members SN Tripathy and Rajeeb Sekhar Sahoo and architect BS Mishra also spoke on the occa-

# Cops to intensify drive against drunken driving

#### Offenders to be arrested; **DGP** issues circular

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The Odisha police have decidl ed to act tough against drunken driving; and a drive of checking of the offence was launched at 14 tollgates in the State from

The checking would be carried out at the Sheragarh, Panikoili, Dhenkikote, Pa Ramachandrapur, Palaspanga, ur, Pipili, Masunikani, Rajgangpur, Tapanga, Langaleswar, Sasan, Attabira, Balichandrapur and Manguli toll gates by using breath analysers. DGP BK Sharma on the day

ing modalities of enforcement against drunken driving.
The Supreme Court had con-

stituted a Committee on Road Safety under the chairmanship of Justice KS Radhakrishnan to monitor all road safety activities taken up by the States.

The committee has directed Odisha to reduce road the accident fatality by 10 per cent every year.

Drunken driving is one of the

major factors responsible for most of the fatal as well as grievous road accident cases. The committee has categorically directed to prosecute offenders so as to convict them by imprisonment and/or imposition of fine as prescribed under Sections 185 of the MV Act,

1988. In compliance to the direction of the committee, the Home Department had directed police to invoke legal provisions contemplated under Section 202 and Section 203 of MV Act, to contain drunken driving including arrest of offenders indulging in drunken driving.

If alcohol contents exceeds 30

mg per 100 ml of blood or the drug consumed makes him incapable of exercising proper control over the vehicle, the person concerned shall be arrested. Arrest Memo should be prepared by the officer in accordance with legal provisions enshrined under CrPC

Within two hours of arrest, the arrestee should be subjected to medical test by a registered med-

ical practitioner for the purpose of collection of specimen of his blood. Where the arrestee is required to provide blood specimen is a woman, the specimen shall be taken by a woman medical practitioner only or in presence of woman, whether a medical practitioner or not.

While arresting the offender, the police officer should take appropriate steps for temporary disposal of the vehicle. The offender would be arrested on detection of alcohol beyond 30mg per 100ml blood. If the arrestee does not furnish required surety or security for bail, he shall be forwarded to the jurisdictional court along with social media. the Prosecution Report with signature of two witnesses

## Pradhan thanks CM for provoding land for Paika Bidroh

BHUBANESWAR: Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Friday thanked Chief Minister Naveen Patanik for the State Government agreeing to provide 10 acres of land for construction of a Paika Bidroh memorial at the Barunei foothill at

"The State Government's consent has taken the proposed 'Paika Bidroh' memorial project a step forward. The Union Government has already allocated funds for the project, which will come up at the Barunei foothill to mark the 200 year completion of the Paika Revolt, the country's first armed struggle against the British," Pradhan mentioned in the

Pradhan said that the memorial would be constructed very soon.

# Ex-Bali Guv meets CM



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Jormer Bali (Indonesia) Governor I Made Mangku Pastika met Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik at the Lok Seva Bhawan here on Friday.

In the meeting, discussions were held on strengthening of the cultural ties between Kalinga (Odisha) and Bali. Pastika also recalled Biju Patnbaik's contribution to the freedom struggle of

The Chief Minister presented a silver filigree boat to Pastika and a IKTAT Sambalpuri saree to

# 'Set up a BPUT camp office in BBSR'

#### BSU also demands stopping of arbitrary fees collection

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he BPUT Students' Union (BSU) on Friday demanded that the State Government set up a BPUT camp office in Bhubaneswar as about 80 per cent of engineering colleges of the State are in coastal districts.

Union president Manas Ranjan Swain said that a student is now forced to travel to Rourkela camp office, more than 400 km from

Bhubaneswar, to get any problem solved.
Stating that the BPUT authorities are collecting arbitrary fees, Swain said that while students are required to give registration fees twice a year, the authorities are taking the fee more than twice and are imposing late fee of Rs 500

Union working president Abinash Swain alleged that that BPUT authorities have a nexus with the middlemen and different college authorities. He said that middlemen lure the



students and their parents with an affordable amount of course fee for admission in a BPUTaffiliated private college. But later, the college authorities give a bill of a huge amount.

Basantia alleged that the private colleges and the BPUT authorities are solely responsible for question paper leaks occurring

The union also demanded that the

Government stop collection of arbitrary fees and probe the nexus between the BPUT authorities, middlemen and different college authorities.

Among others, former union president Abhisekh Champatiray, members Sujit Routray, Sabyasachi Sahu, Amulya Kar, Amar Sethi, Nitish Nayak, Pabitra Nayak, Bichitra Sethi and Sekhar Biswal were present.

# DSBM BBA, B. Com students take pledge

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Tommunication skills, Corganising skills and IT skills are the three core requirements that every student should possess in today's date, said CESU Senior General Manger (HR) Subrata Kumar Mishra, who as chief guest addressed students of the DAV School of Business Management (DSBM) on Friday. He also advised the students to pursue their studies through a case-study approach. The occasion was swear-ing-in of BBA and B. Com stu-

dents of the 2019-20 batch. Unit-8 DAV Public School Principal Ipsita Das as another guest educated the students about the oath as a responsibility and how they should implement it in every step of

The new batch of BBA and B. Com students took the pledge to follow quality edu-

DSBM President MM Panda urged the students to acquire knowledge and use it for the betterment of the society. DSBM Principal Dr DN Mishra, in his welcome



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address, briefed the students about self-motivation, possessing updated skill sets and having an optimistic

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**OPINION 8** 

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OF DIRECTION

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# CHANDAMAMA NO MORE DOOR KE!

s Chandrayaan-2 landed Anear 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 soft-landing 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 scien-

tific journal *Nature*. **Prime Minister Narendra** Modi arrived at the Yelahanka

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

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 instructions to Pragyaan to



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

Chandra's Surface Thermo-physical Experiment (ChaSTE)
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

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

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 lunar surface

Chandravaan 2's Rover is a 6-wheeled robotic vehicle

Weight — 27 kg

**Electric Power** 

Generation

Capability

\_ 50 W

named Pragyan, which translates to 'wisdom' in Sanskrit. It can travel up to 500 m (1/2-a-km) and leverages solar energy for its functioning. It can only communicate with the Lander

PRAGYAN PAYLOADS

Alpha Particle X-ray Spectromet

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 elements such as Strontium, Yttrium and Zirconium

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 by the decaying plasma

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 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







# Stage set for Jaga, Kalia return today

Twins board Rajdhani in Delhi, to reach SCB

PNS CUTTACK

The stage is set for the return of conjoined twins Jaga and Kalia to Odisha on Saturday as they boarded the Rajdhani Express in New Delhi on Friday along with their parents and a team of specialist doctors.

The SCB Medical College Hospital in Cuttack has made all arrangements for further treatment of the twins. The hospital has formed a sixmember team of doctors led by the Neurosurgery Professor for their treatment. The hospital has also kept a two-bed ICU cabin ready for the twins.

"All necessary steps will be taken to provide treatment to Jaga and Kalia. If need be, doctors from other departments will be included in the team," said SCB Hospital Superintendent CBK Mohanty.

Health Secretary Pramod Kumar Meherda on Friday visited the hospital and reviewed the arrangements.

A two-member team of doctors of the SCB Hospital had reached the AIIMS, New

<u>CAPSULE</u>

ALKA LAMBA QUITS AAP, JOINS CONGRESS

New Delhi: Disgruntled AAP

the party and announced that

she has returned to the

from the AAP's primary

membership, said she met

Congress president Sonia

MLA Alka Lamba on Friday quit

Congress. Lamba, who resigned

Gandhi and joined the Congress

IAS BABU QUITS, CRIES THREAT TO DEMOCRACY

Mangaluru: A Karnataka IAS

officer resigned on Friday,

political colour with the



will be taken to provide treatment to Jaga and Kalia. If need be, doctors from other departments will be included in the team," said SCB Hospital **Superintendent CBK** 

**Mohanty** 

Delhi on Thursday to hold discussions with the AIIMS authorities for return of the

twins.Dr Bibhuprasad Naik and Dr Shiba Shankar of the SCB had arrived in the AIIMS and enquired about the conditions of the twins. Both the doctors are accompanying Jaga and Kalia during their train journey. Notably, the cran-iopagus conjoined twins hail-ing from Milipada village in Kandhamal district were separated by a team of doctors after a marathon 21-hour surgery in October 2017 in AIIMS, New Delhi.

# Cops haven't collected over

Other penalties imposed

BHUBANESWAR: Even as city denizens over the collec-

claiming that the fundamental building blocks of democracy are being compromised in an unprecedented manner, a move that immediately took on a Congress seeking to target the NDA Government on the issue

# ₹1K as fine in MVA: CP

by transport authorities

resentment is brewing among tion of hefty fines following the implementation of the amended Motor Vehicle Act, the Commissionerate police (CP) on Friday clarified that they are yet to impose heavy penalty

under the Act which came into force from September 1. Commissioner of Police Sudhanshu Sarangi said that so far they have penalised as many as 1,113 violators between September 1 and September 5 in Bhubaneswar.

tember 5 in Bhubaneswar. not having a PUC certificate so far," added Sarangi. *PNS* 

with a penalty of more than ₹1,000. Heavy penalties have been only collected by the RTO officials. Two violators have so far been penalised ₹5,000 each for driving while using mobile phones. However, we would be tough against drunken driving," said Sarangi.

we have not penalised anyone

Sarangi also said that they would continue with the awareness drive in the city. "Our aim is not to generate revenue by penalising offenders. We are also aware of the hardship faced by people to get their vehicles tested for pollution. We have not penalised anyone for

# MV rule: Naveen leads by example



PNS BHUBANESWAR

hief Minister Naveen Patnaik, who is known to prefer to stay away from media glare, once again caught the photographers' attention when he abided by law relating to implementation of the amend-

ed Motor Vehicle (MV) Act on

Friday.
Patnaik was found seated in his official vehicle with the seat belt fastened on his way to the Lok Seva Bhawan (State Secretariat).

Several MLAs, however, were seen coming to the Lok

Seva Bhawan for their work flouting the rules. Interestingly, a senior BJD MLA, when asked by mediapersons on not putting on the seat belt, naivey replied: "I am wearing two belts." (He was seemingly referring to his trousers belt and the

vehicle seat belt).

## **Metro ride: SC to AAP Govt** Bear land cost The court, however, direct-

Won't let you splurge

public money on free

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 borne by the Delhi Government.

ed that the land cost for Phase 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 Rs 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" and warned that it would ston them from doing so would stop them from doing so

as courts are not "powerless".

# JTMC supports plan for Heritage Corridor

### **Amicus Curiae** to hold talks with Puri seer, Gajapati

PNS PURI

The Jagannath Temple Managing Committee (JTMC) on Friday extended its support to the proposed Heritage Corridor near the Jagannath Temple, which is presently in execution amidst protests by land losers.

A meeting chaired by Gajpati Maharaja Dibysingha Deb, in the presence SJTA Chief Krishan Kumar, okayed as many as five proposals, which would be sent to Department

approval. Those include making Badadanda a heritage corridor, development of the temple surrounding areas, beautifica-tions of Gundicha Temple and making Jagannath Balabh Mutt

area to a heritage garden.

A decision was taken for eauctioning of the Lord Jagannat lands under a uniform policy made by the Shree Jaganath Temple Administration (SJTA). Besides, a decision was taken to develop mutts and monasteries and restore centuries old cultures and tradition liking to the Jaganath Temple.

Committee members will meet Amicus Curiae Ranjit Kumar and Solicitor General Tusar Mehta who were scheduled to visit Puri at about 10 pm on Friday.

The members will hold discussions on the 12-point agenda, which is under execution under the guidance of Supreme Court.

The Amicus Curiae and the Solicitor General are also likely visit the Jaganath Temple on their arrival During their two-day stay in the pilgrim city, they would

meet the Shankarcharya

Nischalananda Saraswati and Gajapati Dibyasingh Dev. They would also hold sep arate discussions with various stakeholders of the temple on various reform initiatives.

## **Vehicle pollution norms** relaxed for one month



PNS BHUBANESWAR

In a sigh of relief for commuters, the Transport Department on Friday relaxed the 'Pollution under Control (PUC)' norms for a period of one month. Informing about the relax-

ation, Transport Secretary G Srinivasan urged police personnel not to harass or penalise vehicle owners for this particular traffic violation under the amended Motor Vehicles Act

Srinivas also warned the officials not to unnecessarily penalise heavily the offenders. He warned that any official

# wrongly penalises any offender, he would have to pay double the amount.

The move came after chaos prevailed as huge queues were created as people lined up to conduct PUC tests after failing to do it on online.

Besides, as the necessary infrastructure was not in place and there were very few PUC centres people had to stand in queues for hours or had to run from pillar to post to get the tests conducted.

Besides, they had to shell out ₹10,000 for not having the PUC certificate. This triggered huge resentment.

## Wrong corpse! Courier firm's body blow to grieving family

IANS JAIPUR

A silly 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 mem-

Seetaram Purohit, a resi-dent of Shri Dungargarh in Bikaner, passed away after suf-fering 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 courier ncident said.

On arriving back home on Thursday morning, the family was shocked to see an unknown body, and contacted the courier which had booked the coffin on the

# **Odisha tourism dev meet: Suggestions to Centre**

#### Travel trade seeks water sports at Chilika, 8% GST for hotel rooms

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

meeting of the PATA India A. Chapter Executive Committee was held here under the chairmanship of Union Tourism Secretary Yogendra Tripathi here on lake as a place for water sports

Irregular power cuts

endemic in Pallahara

 $D^{\text{espite supply from three grids, unscheduled power cuts}}_{\text{in Pallahara have been an endemic problem.}} \text{At times,}$ 

the town remains dark for days together.

It is alleged that the supply line and equipment have

gone old without regular repair causing interruptions in

two days and with the pressure of local public as well as

the local MLA, it was restored. MLA Mukesh Kumar Pal

has threatened to launch a hunger strike if the situation does

Four days ago, the electricity supply was stopped for

After the meeting, Tripathy along with Chief Secretary Asit Tripathy, IAS, Tourism Secretary Vishal Dev and Tourism Director Nirmal Chandra Mishra held a meeting with the travel trade of Odisha where the travel trade made some suggestions.

It was suggested that the

PNS ■ PALLAHARA

potential of Odisha Tourism highlighted in all presenta-tions of the Incredible India Campaign and brochures made available in all India Tourism offices abroad. The Ministry of Tourism should examine development of 1,100 sq km Chilika

and other activities. The travel trade suggested that infrastructural development activities be undertaken at the State's Buddhist circuit and a mega convention centre come up in Bhubaneswar.

Goods and Service Tax (GST) for hotels with a room tariff of ₹7,500 should be lessened from 28 per cent to 8 per cent for making hotel industry tourist friendly for this GST rate. Hotels should be included

in infrastructure category under section 80-IA of the Income Tax Act to avail deduction of 100 per cent profits and gains obtained from the business for a time period of 10 consecutive years out of 15 years from the date of its commencement like projects such as airports, bridges, highways, sanitation, telecom sector, power plants etc.

The Union Secretary assured the travel trade of Odisha to take these suggestions forward with the Ministry, informed Hotel and Restaurant Association of Odisha (HRAO) Chairman JK

# Rungta opens three civic projects in Keonjhar



PNS ■ CHAMPUA

Three civic projects built under the CSR initiatives of the Rungta Sons were inaugurated by MP Chandrani Murmu in the Champua subdivision area in Keonjhar district on the occasion of Self-Governance Day held

While two projects,

Joda Municipality Executive Sitaram Rungta Municipal Sports complex and Sitaram Rungta Open Gymnasiumcum-Children Park, were opened in the Joda Municipality, the third project Sitaram Rungta Open Gymnasium-cum-Children Park inaugurated

MLA Meenakshi Mohanta, Sub-Collector Parul Patwari,

Officer Suryamani Patjoshi, Champua Municipality EO Sapan Kumar Sahu and company VP Ramu Agrawala were present. Company GM (Civil) Gyanendra Paul, DGM(HR and CSR) Lalit Narayan Rout, DGM(P) SK Acharya and Manager (Civil) Chinmaya Mohanta coordinated the pro-

# Lecturer dead; murder suspected in Sambalpur

PNS ■ SAMBALPUR

Lecturer was found dead Aunder mysterious circumstances in his house under the Sason police station in the district

The deceased was identified as Hrudananda Pradhan, a native of Balianali in Deogarh district. He was working as a Lecturer in the Mura College here.

The matter came to light after some neighbours found Pradhan lying in a pool of blood inside his house with injury marks on his body in the morning.

On being informed, police reached the spot and sent the body for post-mortem.

Prime facie it is suspected that Pradhan was murdered. But the exact reason behind the death is yet to be ascertained, police said.

# Water pump stolen from N'garh school

PNS ■ BHAPUR (NAYAGARH)

Water supply to the Gopinath Dev Nodal School at Padmabati under Nayagarh district's Fategarh police limits has been disrupted after a water pump was stolen by miscreants three days

The pump was lifting water from a dug well in the school premises

School Headmistress Manorama Mishra has lodged a complaint at the Phategarh police station in this regard. The police have registered a case and started investigation.

The school has a total of 362 students studying in Classes-I to X now. Due to theft of the water pump, students are now facing problems to get

#### **INBRIEF**

WOMAN ROBBED OF RS 10K, EARRING IN B'PUR Brahmapur: Two miscreants, identifying them as her son's friends, entered into an elderly woman's house at Jagannath Vihar here and looted away cash of Rs 10,000 and a pair of earring from her at gunpoint on Thursday afternoon. Victim Kailashi Sahu has lodged a complaint at the Big Bazaar police station in this regard. However, police officials, who went to investigate the case, said the woman changed her statement frequently Thus, the incident needs further investigation, said SDPO Bishhnu Prasad

ALTERNATIVE RHYTHM THEATRE HOLDS ANNUAL DAY



Dhenkanal: Dhenkanal-based Alternative Rhythm Theatre observed its sixtl annual day at the Gopabandhu Town Hall here on Thurs day. Inaugurating the function, distract Collector Bhumesh Chandra Behera appreciated the effort of noted young dramatist Dinesh Dash, who is engaged in training young talents in performing art. Dr Puspalata Rath presided over the function. Noted theatre personality Debananda Nayak and former Utkal Sangeet Mahavidyalaya Principal Naveen Parida spoke on the effects of theatre on adulthood. Eminent litterateur, columnist Pandit Antaryami Mishra was felicitated on the occasion. Dinesh Dash delivered an introductory

GIRL RUN OVER BY TRUCK; LOCALS BLOCK ROAD

Bhawanipatna: A minor girl was killed being run over by a truck at Nunmath village in Kalahandi district on Friday. She was identified as Sasmita Sahu, a resident of Bogada under the Kesinga police station. Sasmita had gone to Kesinga with his father. Midway, she went to buy a biscuit while her father was standing on roadside. While crossing the road, the truck ran over her, killing her on the spot. The driver fled leaving the vehicle. Irate locals blocked the road demanding compensation for the girl's family. Police seized the truck and pacified the locals.

25 INJURED IN GOVT BUS-TRUCK CLASH IN S'GARH

RI held taking ₹40K

Rourkela: As many as 25 persons were injured following a head-on collision between a Government bus and a truck at Chadrihariharpur in Kuanramunda on NH-143 in Sundargarh district on Friday. The JNNURM bus en route to Jhurmura from Birmitrapur collided with the truck coming from the opposite direction. Police with the help of locals rescued the injured and admitted them to the Rourkela Government Hospital.

#### ON CITY ROAD .

power supply to the town.

not improve soonest.

#### Drunken miscreants misbehave with actress

BHUBANESWAR: A group of miscreants in inebriated state misbehaved with an actress and assaulted her on road near Chakeisiani under the Mancheswar police limits in the city late on Thursday night. Reports said the actress was returning home from Salepur in Cuttack district with some of her co-artists by a car when four miscreants intercepted the vehicle around 2 am. They dragged the

driver out of the car and thrashed him. Occupants of the vehicle immediately alighted from the car to rescue the driver. However, the miscreants attacked them too. The actress then telephoned police for assistance, following which the assailants attacked and misbehaved with her.

Acting on a complaint lodged by her, police detained two persons for their alleged involvement in the offence. PNS in the offence.

# Various irregularities in MKCG alleged

#### Manav Adhikar submits memo to Health Min

**PNS** ■ BRAHMAPUR

he Manav Adhikar Surakshya ▲ Manch held its 104th "Ghanta Yatra" here on Thursday in protest against various irregularities in the MKCG Medical College Hospital under leadership of Manch convenor Abani Kumar Gaya.

The Manch submitted a memorandum to the Brahmapur Sub-Collector addressed to the Health Minister demanding prop-



attendance, stringent action the doctors flouting the rules and opening second gate of the hospital

Gaya alleged that even if the CCTVs and biometric system has been installed in the hospital but are not functioning properly.

Among others, Maheswar Badatiya, Shyam Sundar Khadanga, Maguni Nahak, Raja Suresh, K Srinivas, Rao, Rabindra Kumar Nayak, Laxmi Narayan Rout, Triloknath Apta and Hrushikesh Patro were

### bribe from Titili victim **PNS** ■ BRAHMAPUR

**IN GANJAM** 

The Vigilance police arrested Ganjam district's Sorada tehsil Asurandnda circle Revenue Inspector Basant Mallick for demanding and accepting bribe of ₹40,000 from Dhukhi Mallick of Gajalbadi to provide inspection report in support of her hus-band's death in Cyclone Titili a year back.

According to the complainant, she had to get ₹10 lakh assistance for death of her husband Government. For this, the RI had to submit an inspection report to the Government.

But RI Mallick asked her to pay 40,000 for the inspection report. With no other option left, the victim informed the Vigilance. Accordingly, the Vigilance

sleuths laid a trap and caught RI Mallick red-handed while taking bribe money from the informed complainant, Vigilance SP.

# 4 cops injured in mob attack in Aul

Four police personnel, including an Assistant Inspector (ASI), of a patrolling team were injured in an attack by a group of youths at Gouda Patna Square at Aul in Kendrapara district on Thursday evening. Sources said that

when the police patrolling team asked a Ganesh Puja committee to stop playing the blaring music, 30



to 40 irate vouths attacked the ASI and three constables. The the Aul Government hospital injured cops were admitted to police personnel, injuring the

for treatment.

# Minor pregnant in Sundargarh FIR lodged; probe on

twelve-year-old orphan girl, who studies in Aclass VII in a Sevashram school of Sundargarh district, has reportedly become preg-

The matter came to light on only after elder brother of the victim girl lodged an FIR in the Bonei police station on Friday. The police have registered a case and started an investigation while the District Welfare Office of Sundargarh has started an initiative to rehabilitate the vic-

The victim girl is a native of a remote village under Bonei sub division. Her parents had died about one and a half years back in close succession, after brief illness. They were two brothers and two sisters and the victim girl was the third child of the deceased couple. She was admitted in the Shevashrama school and was staying in the school hostel, since then.

Recently, she complained of some health

revealed during a health checkup. The matter was brought to the knowledge of the Bonei Sub-Collector, following which he had directed the District Welfare Officer to conduct an inquiry into the matter.

"I have directed the District Welfare Officer to conduct an inquiry and take necessary steps for her care and protection," said Sub Collector, Bonei, Pradeep Dang.

ing into the matter." said IIC Bonei Police station, RK Patra.

The girl reportedly had come in contact with one of their distant relation boys about five months back. She reportedly has been carrying a five months' old pregnancy.

"We are in touch with the girl, her family members and her school headmistress and taking all measures to provide her necessary support," said District Welfare Officer Sunil Tandi.

## Rain: Holiday for schools in Ganjam, Kandhamal

PNS ■ BERHAMPUR/ PHULBANI

Tn view of incessant rain causing flood-like situations in Ganjam and Kandhamal, the Collectors declared holiday for schools and Anganwadi Centres in the districts on Friday.

However, the teachers were on duty as they were asked not to take leave and, instead, help the flood victims. If required, the schools and Angwanwadi

According to reports, several areas in Ganjam district have been severely affected by the flash floods triggered by incessant rain on Thursday under the influence of a low pressure over Odisha and neighbourhood.

The rain left several urban areas of the district waterlogged, affecting normal life. The roads and streets were inundated with rainwater, following which vehicular move-

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# tribal school

PNS ■ SUNDARGARH

problems, following which her pregnancy was

"A case has been registered by us on the basis of an FIR and we have started investigat-

#### Centres would be used as shelter homes for the victims, offiment was disrupted.

# Programme held on Indonesia ex-Guv visit

#### **Sangam Samman** presented

The Aryabhatta Trust in 1 association with the Kalinga International Youth Foundation organised Kalinga Bali Sangam, a cultural exchange programme on the occasion of official visit of former Governor of Indonesia I

graced the occasion as chief guest. Speaking on the culture of India and Indonesia, Prof Lal said, "India is a country available for all human beings, whether good or bad, pure or impure, a brahman or a non brahman, a living or a dead. And that is the philosophy of



The eminent personalities

conferred 'Kalinga Bali Sangam

Samman' include Jitendra

Kumar Mohanty, Chairman

Swosti Group of Hotel -Hospitality Industry, Sanjaya Kumar Biswal- RTO, Ganjam, Public Service, Sri Agus, Chairman, Asram Gandhipuri, Bali, International Relationship,

Dr Akshya Rout, Plastic and Cosmetic Surgeon, Director, OCSC, Medical Tourism, Arvind Agarwall, Trustee, So Am I Foundation Trust Social Service, Dillip Kumar Nayak,

Social Work (Rural Health Care) and Dr Sanjiv Kumar Mishra, MD, Radiation Onchology. A scintillating cultural programme was organ-

# Kalinga Bali

PNS BHUBANESWAR

Made Mangku Pastika along with his ten delegations to Odisha. Governor Prof Ganeshi Lal

"Indonesia and India share same culture. We might wor-

ship differently but virtually we

are same. The inner being of

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

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

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 economy 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.

RSS-affiliate 'Seema

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

tained injuries in an accident.

holding trial in the cases relat-

ed to the Unnao incident, had

recently written a letter to the Delhi High Court seeking per-

mission to hold in-camera pro-

ceedings at AIIMS for record-

ing of the statement of the

woman after doctors said it was

"not advisable" to bring her to

Registrar General of the high

court that the CBI, the woman

and her family have "no objec-

Gupta and Aniruddha Bose,

also directed the CBI to com-

plete within two weeks its probe and file the charge sheet

in the road accident case, in

which the rape survivor was

special judge needed more

than 45 days to complete the

proceedings, then it may con-

sider the request.

It also indicated that if the

injured.

tion" to such deposition.

Sharma has informed the

A bench of Justices Deepak

the court premises.

The special judge Dharmesh Sharma, who is

FROM THE SUPREME COURT



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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Act have been registered. The top court had on July

25 directed setting up of a cen-

trally-funded designated court

in each district having more than 100 FIRs under the

POCSO Act to deal exclusive-

ly with cases of sexual offences

against children.

proceedings.

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

ple 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

gnored 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 deforesta-tion, over-cultivation, soil erosion and depletion of wetlands increasing climate change

Speaking at the 14th session 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 development 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 number," 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

Most of the villages have small ponds, wetlands which need to be protected and a

work for wetlands in the next

nodal officer will be nominated for each wetland and they will talk to people about wetlands," the official said at the side event hosted by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) at the She also said the govern-

ment has devised wetland health cards to give information on the wetland, including the boundaries defined, oxygen content and other basic para-

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

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 disaster".

### 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

### 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

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday said a plea, filed by

# Delhi HC to decide on |₹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 pro-ceedings 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



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

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

after depositing Rs 10 crore with the secretary general of the Supreme Court.

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 the UAPA was passed by



Parliament on August 2 and it 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 terrorists.

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.

#### year in office. PLEA ON LIVE TELECAST FOR AYODHYA CASE

Nath Kovind during his second

delivered by President Ram

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 Surva

#### January also granted Karti per-Chidambaram, had earlier mission to travel abroad While transferring the cases related to Unnao incident to Delhi, the apex court had fixed a time limit of 45 days for the trial court to complete the The bench also sought status report from the Centre within three weeks on setting up of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) courts in districts, where over 100 cases under the

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

Tf you are exposed over a long I time 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 guide-line 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.

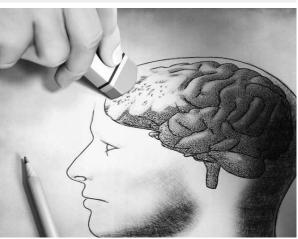
This research shows that government regulation that reduces our exposure to air pollution has a huge potential health and economic benefit."

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

cases of dementia added every year develop the condition. year, i.e., nearly one case The study brought togethevery 4 with highest projections er research on people living in in South Asian nations such as

- FIGHTING FIT ☐ Pay attention to your overall health
- Exercise regularly
- Maintain a healthy weight
- ☐ Regulate blood sugar levels
- ☐ Keen 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 elder-ly is 5 per cent-7 per cent. In absolute terms, there are about 35.6 million people liv-ing in the world currently with

dementia and 7.7 million new

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

India and China.

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

Over a million Indians

International (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 at the current rate the 2025 target of developing plans will not be reached, said Paola Barbarino, CEO of ADI.

# IMD starts experiment on impact of rain in said region

vulnerable structures, water

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

 $B_{\text{forecast, the India}}^{\text{esides providing weather}}$ 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 and damage to vulnerable 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

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

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 sys-

tem, along with other socio-

economic data, including pop-

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

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

to provide impact-based

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 Uttar 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 Bulletin.

# 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-

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 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 confi-

dence that the police and the security forces together will be



able to meet the challenge.

"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, 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 Police 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

Cleuths of both the Central and 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

Besides tracking their 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

rorist outfits. 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.

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 take these measures.

# 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 vehicle's maiden touch-down on moon's north pole was intended at diverting the nation's over ground workers of terattention 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 NRC 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 head-quartered 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 stri-dent critic of the BJP, in her letter expressed her concern over the future of thousands of employees of the two

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 government 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

# KCR 'image' on Yadadri temple sparks row

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Inscription 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 KCR 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 between 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 thor(Yadadri Temple Development Authority) went into oblivion as soon as the news broke out about inscription of political symbols on Yadadri pillars on Friday. Endowments Minister A Indrakaran Reddy, top officials of endowments department who include secretary and commissioner remained

TRS party leaders not to react or give media statements on this issue. With this, there was no response either from the government side or from TRS side on this issue. However, the issue trig-

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 temple is being done with public money and not with the personal wallet of KCR. He must realise that he is just a public representative and not a king. No one can tamper with the santity of temples and equate themselves with Gods," he said

BJP warned KCR with dire

# 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 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 fit, 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 magistrate.

#### is a failure. He called for punwill be merged with Punjab inaccessible, apparently from consequences, if he doesn't boycott work if the guilty were ishing the farmers' party presiimmediately take down those not held within three days. National Bank, making the ough enquiry to find out the the directions of 'government dent and the village head after culprits behind this 'unholy act'. heads', who asked them not to pillars and replace them with The officers also handed a proposed entity the second largest public sector bank (PSB). Officials of endowments department and YTDA acceptable ones, as per the Hindu temple norms. his death. Five people, including memorandum to the district react on this issue. Strict instructions were also issued to the son of another village head the three from the farmers' out AIMIM to go it | Hajela not efficient in discharging NRC duty, review needed, Gogoi writes to CJI alone in Maha social organisations and intel-Guwahati: Senior Congress about the fates of several lakh 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.

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.

In a statement issued here.

"After prolonged discus-sions with Prakash Ambedkarji lasting for two months, we could not reach a respectable figure in the seat distribution between my party and VBA," Jaleel said.

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 can-didates in Aurangabad.

The VBA is a merged enti-ty 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.

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

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

"Now the question arises

people who have been left out of the NRC and have to move to Foreigners Tribunals to prove their citizenship and face harassment, not due to their faults but due to the callousness and inefficiency of the NRC 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.

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 rejected by all political parties, lectuals of the state, Tarun Gogoi said.

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

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 tunnel

# Deforestation leads to human-elephant conflict, says study

KESTUR VASUKI ■ BENGALURU

scientific study carried **A**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 Gubbi, H. C. Poornesha and

lished 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 habitat. 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 ngaluru city.

In the same region, the agricultural mosaic increased

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

areas which was largely in the state of Kerala and in Gudalur region of Tamil Nadu. The annual deforestation rate was

estimated at 0.85% per year", the study reveals. The authors further used

records of conflict incidences

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 years.
"Elephants have continued

with the intensity of defor-

estation. The results showed

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

habitat vanishes which is a recipe for disaster", the study points to the disaster. In its interesting revela-

tions 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 Rule 185.

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.

# **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 **PTI** | corridor, 12.7 km-long Wadala



to Chhatrapati Shiyaji Maharaj Terminus Metro-11 corridor and 20.7 km-long Kalyan to Taloja Metro-12 corridor. Modi will also lay founda-

tion 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

CONVERSION OF 25 FORTS —

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

Maharashtra The 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

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".

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

Without mincing words, NCP MP Surpriya Sule tweet

have historical connect with Chhatrapati Shivaji. We strongly oppose the state government's move to convert forts into heritage hotels and restaurants. If anything, the state gov-ernment should take steps to preserve the forts based on the opinion from international experts".

Slamming the state government's questionable decision, MNS spokesperson Anil Shidore said: "The people are upset with the state government's decision to convert 25 forts into heritage hotels and wedding venues. Maharashtra has rich history of which we should all be proud. Please don't market our history".

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 converted into hotels or used as wedding venues".

"There are three kinds of 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 departments," Rawal 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.

The officials said that Malik was likely to be produced through video conferencing and requisite permission was being sought for that.

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. PTI

# IAS officer's resignation takes political hue

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.

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.

"I 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

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Milind Deora from the post.

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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

In a statement announcement appointing Gaikwad as the acting president of MRCC, AICC general secre-

tary K C Venugopal appreciated the contribution made

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by Deora as the outgoing Mumbai unit president.

Deora resigned from his post as the MRCC presi-

'acting president' of Mumbai unit

compromised in an unprecedented 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.

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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

**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

Joint Monitoring Group meeting on Bru repatriation, chaired by Special

Secretary (internal security), Ministry

of Home Affairs, A P Maheswari, in

Delhi on Friday, Mizoram Home

fied 4.447 Bru families for the exer-

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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 arrest-

by the SÍT 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

tions representing Brus.

Among others who attended

The Bru community, also called

officials said.

Centre approved ₹350 cr for 9th

phase of Bru repatriation: Official

phone.

ed from jails in the Pansare case

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) Name of work Provision of Gang rest shelter cum tool room with its location at different locations for trackman near various SSE/P-way/Office/Store over DLI-Division Approx. cost of work Rs. 1,92,04,000.79 3. Earnest Money Rs. 2,46,000.00 Date and Time of Bidding Start date Up to 15:00 hrs. on 17.09.2019

resident of India invites E-Tender on prescribed form for the following work

and opening of tender Website particulars publis e-tender, notice location etc. complete details of tender can be seen and

submission of tende

opening of e-Tender at 15:00 hrs. on 01.10.2019 Above tender available on IREPS site i.e

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#### tribes in the country. Thousands of Brus had fled to Tripura in 1997 in the wake of a communal tension triggered by the PTI | and rehabilitation package expenses, inside Dampa Tiger Reserve. PTI

#### 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. Sub Head : Operation and Maintenance of STP. 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.

#### First flood warning issued to Cauvery river districts

Coimbatore: With increase in the inflow water into the Mettur dam in Salem district, authorities on Friday issued a flood warning to 12 districts of Tamil Nadu through which the Cauvery water courses.

In its first flood warning, the public works department cautioned people living on the banks of the Cauvery and low lying areas to move to safer places.

It also asked the district administration to take necessary precautionary measures in the downstream of Cauvery and also for safety and security of people and properties. Stating that the water level

in the dam has reached 117.5 90 feet as against full level of 120 feet, authorities said the Ellis saddle sluice gates will be opened soon.

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

**ASHNOOR TEXTILE MILLS LIMITED** 

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 bee 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 the members who have not registered their e-mail address. The members holding shares eithe 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, Septembe 26, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. The e-voting module shall be disabled by LHPL 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 bu

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 gueries/grievances with regard to e-voting, you may refer the Frequently Ask Questions ("FAQ") and e-voting manual available at https://instavote.linkintime.co.in or write an email to LIIPL 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 Registrar and Share Transfer Agent at http://linkintime.co.in

For and behalf of Ashnoor Textile Mills Limited

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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** Tender Enquiry No. 505/GHTP/EMC/SSMC-181/ Vol-III Dated: 04-09-2019

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

Last Date & Time for bid submission: 01-10-2019 upto 11:30 Hrs. Date & Time of Opening of Fee stage bid: 01-10-2019 upto 12:00 Hrs.

https://pspcl.abcprocure.com. Note: The prospective bidders can obtain clarification regarding tender specification from this office. For registration of digital signatures and uploading of tender, information may be

sought from https://pspcl.abcprocure.com. It is informed that in case the tender process is not completed due to any reason no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Detail regarding corrigendum may be seen on PSPCL official website i.e. https://pspcl.in.

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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 Corporate Identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813 O/o SE/ Transmission Lines (Design), B-1, Shakti Vihar, Patiala Tel/Fax: 0175-2303093 E-mail: setransdesign@gmail.com

#### Tender Enquiry No. TSQ-1102/TD-II/2019-20

Tenders are invited through e-tendering under three part bid system for Design Manufacturing, Supply, Testing, Laying & Commissioning of 66 kV single core XLPE (Copper) U/G Cable along with accessories on Turnkey Basis for the works of Packages A, B and C as per PSPCL Specification No. TSQ-1102/TD-II/2019-20.

EMD: Package A: Rs. 11.60 Lac, Package B: Rs. 8.50 Lac & Package C: Rs. 2.60 Lac Important Dates: 1) Start date for down loading of tenders From the date of publication

2) Last date of downloading of tender 3) Last date & time for bid submission

09-10-2019 up to 11:00 A.M 10-10-2019 up to 11:00 A.M.

The prospective bidders are required to get clarification from this office and /or/M/s abc PROCURE Contact no.91+99044-06200/ 990444-07996 in case of

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to get their digital signatures well in time so as to submit tender through e-tendering only. It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may

any difficulty regarding uploading of the tender well in time. It is also requested

be seen on official PSPCL website (www.pspcl.in). Detailed NIT and Specification can be down-loaded from PSPCL e-tendering web site https://pspcl.abcprocure.com Dy. CE/TL (Design).

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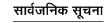
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JHOTWARA ROAD JAIPUR E-NOTICE INVITING BID

E-tenders are invited for the purchase of Radiator Assy, Cylinder Liners, Gear Part and Automotive Light. **UBN No.:- RTC1920GLOB00253**, RTC1920GLOB00254, RTC1920GLOB00256, RTC1920GLOB00258

Fube Less Radial Tyre, Radial tyre, tube and flaps, Nylon tyre, tube and flaps UBN No.:-RTC1920GLOB00266, RTC1920GLOB00267, RTC1920GLOB00268 For further details you can visit online website **https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** or om e-procurement cell RISL. Yojana Bhawan Tilak Marg, C Scheme, Jaipur-302005 r http://transport.rajasthan.gov.in/rsrtc & also https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in a contact on (Help Desk be contacted directly in the following nos. 0120-4200462, 0120-4001002, 91-8826246593, 10.00 AM to 06.00 PM on all working days). and **e-mai**leproc@rajasthan.gov.in & also local no. 0141-4022688 working hr. Monday to Friday 9.30 AM to 06.00 PM on all working days.
Raj. Samwad/C/2429/2019-2020 General Manager (S/P) General Manager (S/P)





सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि यमुना नदी, हिण्डन नदी एवं अन्य प्रवाहित होने वाले नालों व तालाबों में मूर्ति विसर्जन पूर्णतः प्रतिबन्धित है। अतः गणेश चतुर्थी के अवसर पर ग्रेटर नौएडा प्राधिकरण द्वारा मूर्ति विसर्जन हेतु निम्न स्थल पर वैकल्पिक व्यवस्था की गई है –

ग्रेटर नौएडा औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण

## ग्रेटर नौएडा

तैयार किये गये वैकल्पिक तालाब में ही गणेश चतुर्थी के उत्सव पर मूर्ति विसर्जन करना सुनिश्चित करें। वरिष्ठ प्रबंधक (स्वास्थ्य)

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## Managing Director DIN-00052084

# Shivani

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

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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

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Complexion: Fair, Face: Long, Wearing: Cream Colour T-

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vide DD No. 31-A dated 18.08.2019 has 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 &

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

#### 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

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

> SHO P.S. Bawana, Delhi Place : Gurugram, Haryana Ph.: 011-27752534, 7065036321 Date: September 5, 2019

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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



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 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 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 BJP would reduce the retarding effect of bureaucracy and Indian laws on a doe-eyed entrepreneur. However, this has not been

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 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 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 vative role model with more free markets and minimum interference. Maximum governance, Minimum Government? You must be having a laugh.

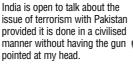
(The writer is former president of Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee)

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**Mismanagement on the economic front** 

issue of terrorism with Pakistan provided it is done in a civilised manner without having the gun pointed at my head

**External Affairs Minister** 



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

Actor -Salman Khan



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



## LETTERS

#### 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** 

## he Modi Government's claim about robust econom-

ic growth stands belied by the fall in GDP growth. The picture of the country's economy is gloomier than ever. The Government must come out of denial mode and acknowledge the mess the economy is in. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's wish to make India a \$5 trillion economy now appears to be a distant hope. The present rate of growth falls far short of what is needed to revive the economy. Issues of vital importance are conveniently buried in manufactured issues linked to "nation-Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's attribu-

tion of the slump in the economy to Modi Government's "all-round mismanagement" has logic. When core sectors like manufacturing, agriculture, real estate, construction, 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



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

Maruthancode

## **G David Milton**

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 again in the ICC Test rankings, most accomplished batsmen of made a massive comeback in red modern-day cricket as far as the ball cricket after being banned for five-day form of the game is cona year. It is interesting to note that cerned. 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 offence.

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.

> M Pradyu Kannur

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### **Best batsman**

ranked at No 1 position once

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

# analysis

#### 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



MALVIKA SHARMA

ince 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

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

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 well-being 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 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 have 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 housproof 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 of services might encourage greater migration from rural areas — thereby paradoxically increasing 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 ownership.

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 vectors have come up with inportation systems have come up with innovative

These draw on the best practices in micro-finance but remain adapted to the classical housing finance paradigm. This has been highly successful wherterm 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 low-income 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 micro-finance is high. Clients already chan-

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 investment.

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. 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. There is clearly need for replacing current 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 land-lord 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 able 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.

(The writer is Member, NITI Aayog's National Committee on Financial Literacy and Inclusion for Women)

# 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 doggedly fought 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

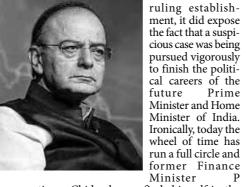
by his opponents in law and politics.

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-

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 did not have a major impact on the



ment, 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 former Finance Minister

nage and during their incarceration 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 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 BIP 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 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 legally sound but had the foresight to see that this roadmap did not become a tool for increasing encroachments on forest lands.

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)

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government is expect-L ed 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

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 competitive 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 for faster clearance of import

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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# ED needs to be satisfied over dues payments made by Sterling promoters: NCLAT

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The NCLAT on Friday said Enforcement 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 specified period.

Promoters of the company include absconding Nitin Jayantilal Sandesara and Chetankumar Jayantilal Sandesara. A three-member NCLAT bench observed that its order on August 28 is "conditional" as debt-ridden Sterling Biotech may "revert back to liquidation" and judgement would "stand reversed" if clean money is not paid within the period. The appellate tribunal has

"ED has to be satisfied that it has to be clean money," the bench headed by Chairperson

al (RP) of Sterling Biotech till

its further orders.

Justice S J Mukhopadhaya The NCLAT further said to Sterling Biotech counsel: "You will have to get the verification

done as to whether the money is genuine nor not". During the hearing, the bench clearly told the counsel appearing for promoters that it was not the work of bank to decide whether the individual

We want clean money to come back to India, the money which will come from personal sources," it said.

money is clean or not.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

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

FORM A
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

(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

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

FAX No.: 011-24368639

Name of corporate debtor Date of incorporation of corporate debtor Authority under which corporate debtor is

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correspondence with the interim resolution

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(b) Details of authorized representatives are

submit the claims with proof in person, by post or by electronic means

ubmission of false or misleading proofs of claim shall attract penalties

Place New Delhi

Date: 05th September, 2019

professional
Last date for submission of claims

DP/6554/CD/19

Tele No.: 011-24368638 or 24368641

The tribunal has also asked the counsel of ED along with

SHO, Karol Bagh, Delhi

Shyam Digital Communication Private Limited 07.10.1993

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Plot No. 21-22, Udhyog Vihar-IV Gurugram- 122015 03.09.2019 Copy of Order was made available to the IRP on 05.09.2019 30.07.2020

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Mohd Nazim Khan

WEB LINK: https://ibbi.gov.in/home/d

Physical Address: Not Applicable

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

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 of

The creditors of SHYAM DIGITAL COMMUNICATION PRIVATE LIMITED are hereby called upon to

submit their claims with proof on or before 18.09.2019 to the Interim Resolution Professional at the address mentioned against entry No. 10. The financial creditors shall submit their claims with proof by electronic means only. All other creditors may

A financial creditor belonging to a class, as listed against the entry No. 12, shall indicate its choice of authorised representative from among the three insolvency professionals listed against entry No.13 to act as authorised representative of the class in Form CA- Not Applicable

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also directed the liquidator to Andhra Bank to be present on work as resolution professionthe next hearing.

"It is also desirable that the counsel of ED remain present," it said.

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 individuals such as promoters and directors, if they pay back to the creditors in their individual capacity, and not from proceeds of crime.

The appellate tribunal direction came over hearing of an application moved by the

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 Poscultion. would function as Resolution Professional of the company until further orders," said the

## Jet founder Naresh Goyal questioned by ED in Mumbai

Tet 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.

the central agency is grilling him after it conducted searches against him last month. Goyal's statement has been recorded under the Foreign

This is the first time that

Exchange Management Act (FEMA) at the agency's zonal office here, they said.

A dozen premises, includ-

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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**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 renowned NGO, The Earth Saviors



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



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 Group, Shamlal Ahamed, Managing Director

# 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.

#### FINMIN ASKS LARGE NCLAT directs infra firm Marg's promoter to **CPSES TO MAKE** submit revised resolution plan by Sep 12 **INVESTMENTS TO PUMP LIQUIDITY**

New Delhi: The finance ministry 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 Ć Murmu, was also attended by financial advisors of infra-

structure ministries.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI The National Company Law

**▲** Appellate Tribunal (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

bench headed by Chairperson itors a Justice S J Mukhopadhaya said it pany.

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 plan by September 26, 2019.

The appellate tribunal also said the CoC would ensure that "no discrimination is made between equally situated financial creditors, operational creditors and creditors" of the com-

### **SEARCH FOR MISSING**



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

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

SHO PS. Nihal Vihar, Delhi

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

**PTI** ■ MUMBAI

The Indian rupee continued **⊥** 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 appreciated by 67 paise in the last three trading sessions. At the interbank foreign

exchange market on Friday, 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.

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 Thursday. 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

**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

#### DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI - 221004 Bid No. IREPS-GT/2019-20/38 Global Tender Notice Date: 02.09.2019

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 17420076-4 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 13/8 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 w No. GT/T.Notice/IREPS/2019-20/40 Global Tender Notice Date: 01.09.2019 llowing 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. 10191040A Due Date: 26.09.2019 Items and Part No.: Plug ASM to PL 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 I**tems 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. leedle 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 Qty.: 123 Nos. S.No.7. Tender No. 10191108A Due Date : 04.10.2019 Items and Part No.: Jumper Assembly to PL No. 16060568 Qty.: 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.: Main 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.i 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 bollowing 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. 16180460 Oty.: 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. : Gaskette 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 Qtv.: 1888 Nos. S.No.9. Tender No. 10191186 Due Date: 03.10.2019 ems 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. 16170210 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 ocuments, please visit Website www.ireps.gov.in GT Corrigendum Notice Dt. 1.09.2019 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 o 02.09.2019 **S.No. 2 Bid Inv. No.**: IREPS/2019-20/25 **Tender No.**: 10191141 **Rev.** 01 Details of Revision: 2. Opening date to be read as 12.09.2019 Instead 01 Details of Revision: 2. Opening date to be read 2.
02.09.2019 Note: All other terms & conditions remain unchanged.
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# insolvency proceedings. A three-member NCLAT

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

the undersigned

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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 of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" has a per the brief particulars given because."

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(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)
1.	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 asset/s will be sold as per

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 Limited, 2nd Floor Videocon Tower, Block E-1, Jhandewalan Extension, Rani Jhansi Road. Delhi-110055 or our marketing agents Shriram 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

Shriram Automall India Ltd. The tenders which are acknowledged by the Bank/e-auction vendor official and

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Date: September 07, 2019 Place: Delhi/ NCR

# **Sensex jumps 337 points**

## Finance, IT, auto stocks shine

**PTI** ■ MUMBAI

enchmark indices Bmarched higher on Friday amid expectations of more measures from the government to prop up the auto sector, while hopes of a trade truce between the US and China buoyed global markets.

The 30-share BSE Sensex ended 337.35 points, or 0.92 per cent, higher at 36,981.77. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty spurted 98.30 points, or 0.91 per cent, to finish at 10,946.20.

During the holiday-truncated week, the Sensex lost 351.02 points or 0.94 per cent, while the Nifty shed 77.05 points or 0.69 per cent.

Amid clamour from the auto industry for a GST rate cut, Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur on Friday asked players to also take up the matter with state finance ministers who are part of the GST Council, and assured all support from the Centre.

Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari has also assured the crisis-hit automobile sector of all possible support from the government, including taking up the demand of GST reduction with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

All the auto stocks in the

#### **Gold prices fall**

New Delhi (PTI): Gold prices fell by ₹372 to ₹39,278 per 10 gram in the national capital on Friday due to weak demand and strong rupee, according to HDFC Securities. In tandem with gold prices, silver also dropped by ₹1,273 to ₹49,187 per kilogram here.

In the international market, gold prices fell to USD 1,510 per ounce in New York, while silver also dropped to USD 18.30 an ounce.

Sensex pack ended in the green on Friday, led by Maruti Suzuki (3.61 per cent), Bajaj Auto (2.90 per cent), Tata Motors (2.58 per cent), Mahindra and Mahindra (2.34 per cent) and Hero MotoCorp (2.14 per

Other gainers included Tech Mahindra, NTPC, Axis Bank, Tata Steel, Bajaj Finance and Kotak Bank, which rose up

to 3.77 per cent On the other hand, Yes Bank, Sun Pharma, TCS, HCL Tech, HUL and ITC declined up to 2.42 per cent.

"Expectation of sops to the falling auto sector lifted market sentiments today, while gain across Asian markets on a hope of ease in trade tension supported the upside. Continuous selling by FIIs remained as a concern, but market may trade positively in the short-term in anticipation of policy actions," said Vinod Nair, head of research, Geojit Financial Services.

Sectorally, BSE auto, power, metal, utilities, energy, bankex, consumer durables and finance indices gained up to 2.54 per

However, realty and FMCG indices ended in the

Broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices followed the benchmarks to settle up to 0.79 per cent higher.

On the global front, equities advanced following reports that China and the US would resume their trade negotiations next month.

In Asia, Hang Seng, Shanghai Composite Index, Nikkei and Kospi settled in the green.

Exchanges in Europe were also trading in the positive zone in their respective early ses-

Meanwhile, the Indian rupee appreciated 16 paise (intra-day) to trade at 71.68 per US dollar. Global oil benchmark

Brent crude was trading flat at USD 60.94 per barrel (intra-

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# to BS-VI emission norms

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Automotive industry body SIAM on Friday sought government intervention to help the sector in smooth transition to BS-VI emission norms from April next year, saving the prospect of abrupt stoppage of manufacturing and sales of BS-IV vehicles overnight posed a "monumental" challenge.

Speaking at the annual convention of the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA), SIAM President Rajan Wadhera said vehicle manufacturers and component suppliers were on track to meet stricter emission norms, but expressed concern over availability of BS-VI fuel across the

"The transition is very abrupt on March 31, both manufacturing and sales (of BS-IV vehicles) stop. This has never ever happened in anywhere in the world," Wadhera said.

It is extremely difficult to predict sales and plan inventories in such a way to have zero inventory on end of March, he added. "This itself is giving speculation and confusion in customers and in huge loss for the entire auto fraternity," Wadhera said.

State for Finance Anurag is very important," he said.

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Thakur and MoS for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises Arjun Ram Meghwal, he said, "So sir, we request you to please look at this, and from time to time over the next few weeks we shall interact with you to give us a possible solution to this very big complex thing which is coming?

Last year, Supreme Court had ruled that no Bharat Stage (BS) IV vehicle shall be sold across the country with effect from April 1, 2020.

Terming the transition as "a very monumental phase of the entire auto industry", the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) president said, "All eyes are on us. Together we have to ensure that we execute this transition very

Lots of investment and hard work have already been put in by both OEMs (original equipment manufacturers) and suppliers, he added.

Wadhera also drew the attention of the government to take a swift decision on GST reduction on automobiles ahead of the festive season.

"We have an issue at hand with the festival season around where 15 to 20 per cent of the dhera said. sales happen during this festive time. The revival of sentiment

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# Auto industry seeks govt help in smooth transition to BS-VI emission norms ACMA seeks uniform 18% GST on all components

uto components industry Aon Friday sought uniform 18 per cent GST in order to help companies with their working capital borrowings which could be used to invest in long-term assets.

The auto components industry currently employs 50 lakh people and contributes 2.3 per cent to India's gross domestic product (GDP).

"While the captains of our domestic original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) are ably representing the interventions that would be required to stimulate demand, we in the component sector seek assistance by way of a uniform goods and services tax (GST) rate of 18%, Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA) President Ram Venkataramani said.

While speaking at ACMA Annual Summit here, he said that about 60 per cent of components were taxed at 18% currently, while the remaining high value parts attract a duty of 28%.

'Since we are largely a B2B business, this would not have an impact on the government exchequer, but would help our membership in managing their working capital borrowings, which could be better used to invest in long-term assets, Venkataramani said.

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Auto players should also take up GST rate cut demand with state FMs: Thakur

New Delhi (PTI): Amid clamour from the auto industry for a GST rate cut, Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur on Friday asked players in the sector to also take up the matter with state finance ministers who are part of the GST Council, and assured all support from the Centre. "You are aware that any rate cut on GST needs to be approved first by the fitment committee then by the GST Council. I request all of you to also reach out to the state finance ministers who are part of the GST Council," Thakur said while speaking at the annual convention of the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association.

He said the Finance Ministry had received multiple representations from car manufacturers, dealers and many of the stakeholders regarding the GST rate cut. "Various OÉMs (original equipment manufacturers) are based out of various parts of the country. The issue is whether they (the manufacturers) are taking these issues with their finance ministers or not," Thakur later said while speaking to reporters on the sidelines.

He added that a limited survey of 70 listed companies for the first quarter of FY20 indicates that companies with well diversified portfolios - be it across vehicle segments, market segments, product groups or different geographies — have performed better than others.

"Exports form a significant component of this portfolio, and therefore we request that export incentives are encouraged," Venkataramani said. The current Merchandise

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(WTO) regulations in mind, and ACMAs request is to look at enhancing these benefits through the new input tax credit scheme being proposed so that the industry can become more export competitive, he added. Venkataramani said,

although fast-forwarding implementation of BSVI emission standards and introduction of new safety features within a short period of time has caused pain, it also allows the Indian auto component industry to be treated at par with global sup-

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NIFTY NEXT 50	26025.20	26082.35	25883.95	26053.95	118.90
NMDC	81.00	84.20	80.70	83.85	2.80
ICICIPRULI	428.00	444.40	427.00	439.00	12.25
BIOCON	230.55	237.00	229.35	236.00	6.45
ICICIGI	1180.50	1205.00	1180.50	1202.00	28.80
MRF	58080.00	58980.00	57900.10	58900.00	1177.55
IDEA	5.10	5.40	5.10	5.20	0.10
GICRE	170.60	175.00	170.60	173.70	3.10
SAIL	32.50	33.20	32.05	33.00	0.55
SIEMENS	1181.00	1194.80	1162.85	1188.00	17.95
BOSCHLTD	13601.00	13880.00	13600.00	13790.00	203.90
HAVELLS	653.00	665.35	653.00	661.40	9.50
MOTHERSUMI	98.65	100.90	97.30	99.00	1.35
BHEL	51.40	52.10	50.70	51.85	0.70
NIACL	106.50	112.10	106.50	109.00	1.45
ASHOKLEY	62.50	64.40	62.25	63.90	0.85
SRTRANSFIN	982.10	998.10	977.60	991.25	11.20
CADILAHC	236.00	240.80	233.10	238.65	2.60
SHREECEM	17650.60	17960.00	17507.95	17783.10	180.35
HINDZINC	214.60	218.10	212.45	217.30	2.10
INDIGO	1634.00	1654.70	1634.00	1647.00	15.00
AUROPHARMA	616.50	621.55	611.85	618.50	5.45
LUPIN	769.20	774.65	757.00	772.10	6.75
AMBUJACEM	193.60	196.70	193.30	194.90	1.70
COLPAL	1241.00	1254.00	1238.05	1251.05	10.45
PGHH	10098.70	10178.75	10055.00	10178.75	80.05
BANKBARODA	94.00	95.40	93.15	94.45	0.70
SBILIFE	834.50	837.00	821.30	835.75	4.50
DABUR	440.45	442.65	437.15	441.05	2.10
ABB	1319.80	1339.00	1310.35	1322.00	5.85
DMART	1528.00	1543.90	1515.15	1528.10	6.35
PAGEIND	18199.00	18199.00	17860.20	17985.00	58.60
HDFCLIFE	531.90	536.00	528.00	529.80	1.30
GODREJCP	598.00	609.15	587.90	598.70	1.50
BANDHANBNK	451.40	451.95	447.00	450.00	0.95
MCDOWELL-N	607.50	612.05	602.10	607.45	0.95
PIDILITIND	1370.10	1376.85	1359.35	1371.60	2.25
L&TFH	92.20	93.50	90.95	91.80	0.10
HDFCAMC	2625.00	2643.85	2596.10	2607.00	2.40
OFSS	3042.55	3080.00	3022.55	3043.30	0.75
ACC	1468.45	1477.00	1453.70	1461.10	-0.05
DIVISLAB	1645.00	1654.80	1620.95	1637.00	-2.00
NHPC	24.00	24.20	23.90	24.05	-0.05
PETRONET	267.10	267.40	261.55	264.00	-1.15
BAJAJHLDNG	3324.95	3330.00	3269.55	3295.05	-21.15
MARICO	386.00	387.90	381.00	381.90	-3.00
HINDPETRO	264.30	266.00	258.25	261.90	-3.15
UBL	1329.80	1332.40	1292.60	1300.00	-21.30
CONCOR	517.40	518.35	502.25	503.55	-11.60
DLF	159.50	159.55	148.20	154.40	-4.95

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IBULHSGFIN	420.70	438.80	406.20	425.75	M&M
YESBANK	61.40	62.15	59.55	60.40	BAJAJ-AUTO
RELIANCE	1205.00	1229.00	1196.25	1222.50	ADANIENT
IDEA	5.15	5.36	5.11	5.18	KOTAKBANK
IBVENTURES	158.00	167.80	146.55	155.55	MANAPPURAM
TATAMOTORS	118.60	122.20	116.65	121.10	WOCKPHARMA
DLF	159.30	159.30	148.20	154.20	AVANTI
MARUTI	6000.00	6219.00	5965.65	6185.85	TVSMOTOR
RBLBANK	324.90	339.50	316.80	336.75	LUPIN
SUNPHARMA	417.00	426.90	414.60	424.90	GODREJIND
TECHM	714.00	734.00	714.00	721.55	NBCC
SHANKARA	316.25	369.65	316.25	368.00	SAIL
WIPRO	255.00	257.35	248.80	251.95	ADANIPOWER
TATASTEEL	346.95	357.80	342.85	355.30	INDIANB
ONGC	127.00	128.40	124.50	127.85	TATAELXSI
AXISBANK	651.20	672.90	651.20	671.00	GAIL
BAJFINANCE	3317.20	3387.20	3298.60	3371.45	SPARC
ICICIBANK	391.90	394.50	389.20	391.50	EICHERMOT
JINDALSTEL	96.90	96.90	92.55	95.60	TITAN
SBIN	275.35	277.00	272.25	273.95	GRASIM
COALINDIA	195.80	199.35	192.85	198.50	HEROMOTOCO
SPICEJET	129.90	131.65	129.25	129.90	BRITANNIA
HDFCBANK	2233.00	2256.00	2221.05	2245.15	HINDUNILVR
LICHSGFIN	395.05	402.00	395.05	398.85	DMART
ESCORTS	470.85	487.95	460.50	485.50	RAIN
SUZLON	3.55	3.57	3.10	3.20	GNFC
ASHOKLEY	62.70	64.45	62.30	63.90	SBILIFE
BOMDYEING	86.15	89.70	85.60	87.65	ACC
RPOWER	3.48	3.52	3.25	3.27	BAJAJFINSV
LT	1324.55	1334.00	1320.55	1328.40	BEML
STRTECH	115.85	124.70	115.15	123.20	APOLLOHOSP
IFCI	7.10	7.20	7.06	7.15	M&MFIN
IBREALEST	63.50	66.10	62.60	65.30	HCLTECH
MCX	875.00	893.00	858.35	884.35	BHEL
TCS	2215.00	2231.70	2190.85	2197.65	IDBI
ICICIPRULI	428.20	444.20	428.20	440.80	ASIANPAINT
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CROMPTON	230.55	234.85	230.15	233.80
HDFCLIFE	533.00	535.90	528.25	529.95
VEDL				
	139.95	142.75	138.85	141.75
BANKBARODA	94.00	94.85	93.25	94.30
HDFC	2061.00	2061.00	2024.05	2041.95
RECLTD	145.20	151.35	144.55	150.70
INDUSINDBK	1316.00	1340.10	1313.45	1331.15
RELINFRA	37.50	38.15	36.50	37.65
BHARTIARTL	349.50	354.10	345.40	349.20
PFC	106.50	109.20	105.85	108.50
RELCAPITAL	35.30	35.65	34.55	35.20
JAICORPLTD	76.60	80.50	76.05	78.15
DBL	371.05	393.20	368.80	384.60
DISHTV	22.35	24.30	22.20	22.75
DHFL	47.90	47.95	45.65	46.55
HINDPETRO	264.50	266.10	258.20	261.85
PNB	61.50	61.65	60.85	61.25
MOTHERSUMI	100.00	100.85	97.40	98.80
NOCIL	86.00	93.20	85.25	92.25
NTPC	123.35	127.75	123.35	127.00
BEL.	107.55	109.45	106.95	109.05
FORCEMOT	1207.00	1265.00	1188.65	1212.50
IOC	125.00	127.55	123.55	126.85
L&TFH	92.00	93.45	90.95	91.85
TATAPOWER	55.40	59.35	55.25	58.00
CANBK	193.60	195.85	190.85	191.65
ZEEL	361.30	366.60	358.80	361.35
HDFCAMC	2615.00	2640.00	2597.80	2610.85
ITC	245.80	245.80	243.30	243.95
EQUITAS	115.80	117.45	113.85	116.00
UJJIVAN	307.80	312.75	303.90	310.10
JSWSTEEL	217.40	219.35	212.25	217.95
AUROPHARMA		620.80	611.80	619.15
PEL	1957.90	1963.85	1861.05	1881.90
ULTRACEMCO	3939.00	3971.95	3886.15	3908.50
BBTC	973.40	997.00	966.00	979.40
NCC	55.95	57.45	55.60	56.85
DRREDDY	2651.00	2745.55	2651.00	2739.95
HEG	1015.00	1036.00	1015.00	1025.55
EDELWEISS	106.25	107.00	103.50	104.65

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

Britain's opposition parties said Friday that they won't 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 date of receipt of the said notice.

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Date: 07-09-2019 Place: Gurgaon

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Date: 06th September, 2019

Place: New Delhi

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

deal is agreed by late October. Liz Saville Roberts, leader in Parliament of the Welsh party Plaid Cymru.

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 before November unlikely.

# Promises of Brexit bonanza look fishy for seafood industry

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 Union. They then pass without Channel Tunnel to France, and

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

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

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, Curacad, Spatentee 16, 2014

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Gurgaon/ September 05, 2019

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 days Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of

publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

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

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 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

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

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

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

The members who have cast their vote(s) by remote e-voting may also attend the Meeting but shall

NOTICE is also hereby given pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 and applicable Rules

The members are requested to note the following contact details for addressing queries/grievances, if any:

thereunder that the Company has fixed Monday, September 23rd 2019 as the Record Date.

September 23, 2019, only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting / voting at the Meeting

members who have registered their e-mail address with the Depositories/Company.

**MODI RUBBER LIMITED** 

CIN: L25199UP1971PLC003392

Chauhan/ Sonali Mentor No 52 Pratap Nagar, Sanganer Jaipur/ Services Pvt Ltd/ P S Chauhan/ September 04, 2019

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where.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 livelihood for 220 employees.

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 ocean-fresh when delivered to European chefs. A holdup on the long, usually obstacle-free journey, even of just half a day, can be fatal for the fragile critimpediment through the ters, turning prized seafood into

deal on the terms of the UK's But the prime minister's critics have accused him of running down the clock to a no-deal Brexit.

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May 31, 2019 Jaipur /

Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

Other EU member states have said in recent days that they have not yet seen any concrete proposals from London to replace the so-called Irish

Brexit deal with

UK 'seems not

**EU** presidency

**AFP** ■ HELSINKI

Finland's

said Friday.

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n agreement with Britain

An agreement with Line and 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,

"I hope that we can reach a situation where this (Brexit)

can be solved so that there is no

mess, but it seems not possible now," Antti Rinne told

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

Johnson has insisted that

# Zimbabwe ex-Prez Mugabe dies aged 95

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 sad-Mnangagwa said in a tweet.

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

spokesman Steffen Seibert quoted Merkel as saying:

freedoms of the people of Hong

Kong must be guaranteed.

Solutions can only be found in

dialogue; do everything possi-

Thursday with a large business

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

access to her visit was unusu-

ally tight, with a number of

members of the Beijing foreign

press corps, including AFP,

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and policies that ruined the economy.

The former political prisoner 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-

lack of space due to a large con-

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"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?'

President Xi Jinping Friday

evening, according to state

news agency Xinhua, and the

two leaders were scheduled to

also scheduled to give a speech

to university students in the

central city of Wuhan on

The German leader is

من Mr. Ajai Kumar Rastogi |Director, (DIN: 00322447

have dinner together.

Notice is hereby given that:

1. 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.

2. Pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 aread with Rule 10 of the Companies Act, 2014 and Population 42 of the SERI Lifetime.

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 General Meeting of the company to be held on Friday, 27th September,2019 for the financial year ended on 31st March, 2019.

For A B N Intercorp Limited

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, Ay Nagar Mehrauli, Gurugram Road Delhi -110047.

terms of provisions of Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with rule 12 of the Companian and Administration) Rules, 2014 and Regulation 42 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations).

nneurogament and xuaminstration) kutes, 2014 and kegulation 42 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations at Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Register of Members and Share Transfer Book the Company will remain closed from 23rd September 2019 to 30th September 2019 (Both day inclusive) for the purpose of AGM.

The 37th ACM Notice along with the statement annexed to the Notice pursuant to section 102 of th Companies Act, 2013 & Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2019, have been sent to th members at their registered address. The dispatch of physical annual report has been completed o 05th September 2019.

and Administration, Rules, 2014, as amended, and Regulation 44 of the SEBI Listing Regulation he Company is providing the facility to its members to exercise their vote by electronic means on an or all of the business specified in the Notice convening the 37th AGM of the Company (remot 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 and ends on 29.09.2019 (05.00 p.m). Please note that e-voting shall not be allowed beyond the sail and ends on 29.09.2019 (these with the liverwever) past come to cast your vote through e-voting system.

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

voting at the meeting.

The Company has appointed Mr. Debasis Dixit, Practicing Company Secretary, as Scrutinizer scrutinizer 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 holdin shares as of the cut-off date may obtain the User-ID and password by sending a request kohli@vinylgroup.com. The voting process at the AGM Venue will be conducted through physic poling papers. A member may participate in the AGM even after exercising his right to vote throug remote e-voting but shall not be allowed to vote again in the meeting.

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A Member may request to the Company for a duplicate Annual Report, if so required. Any query or grevances in relation to e-voting by electronic means may contact Company's Registrar and Sharr Transfer Agent Let. F-65, Okhla Phase-I, New Delh-11020 Name of Contact person: Mr. Annariest (Senior Manager) E-mail d: admin@mssregistrars.com; Phone

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CIN-I.74899DL1982PLC067811, Telefax:- + 0124 4232222 Office: - 1, Anand Gram, Aya Nagar Mehrauli, Gurgaon Road Delhi -110047 e: 11th Floor, Vatika Towers, Tower B, Golf Course Road, Sector-54, Gurugram Email:- kohli@vinylgroup.com, Website:- moulin.co.in

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In a statement, the German

panying Merkel.

"diplomatic farce"

#### Allies hail Mugabe, **UK** brands him 'autocrat'

**AFP** ■ HARARE

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 suffering and repression of his

Here is a selection of top world reactions to his death on

Tuesday aged 95.

Mugabe "fought for the 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.

"Mugabe's sacrifices, especially in struggling for the political and economic emancipation of his people, will always be remembered by posterity."

### Dorian leaves 30 dead in Bahamas: PM

**AFP** ■ NASSAU

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

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

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 lady Brigitte Macron was "truly ugly", only days after the country's president appeared to

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.

### N Korea wants UN staff cut, but UN says they're vital

**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 secre-tary general of North Korea's 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.'

reporters after a meeting earlier this year. with European Parliament president David Sassoli in No further details were ness that I announce the passing on of Zimbabwe's founding immediately available about Helsinki. father and former President... the circumstances of his death, "The situation in Britain is Robert Mugabe," Emmerson or where he died. quite a mess now. We don't The Mugabe years are "Mugabe was an icon of widely remembered for his know what's happening there It seems very obvious that we are not getting Brexit with an Merkel in Beijing says HK On Thursday British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said he

freedoms must be 'guaranteed'

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-

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NOTICE OF 25<sup>™</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, BOOK CLOSURE & REMOTE E-VOTING INFORMATION

Notice is hereby given that the 25th Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held on Saturday, the 26<sup>th</sup> 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 usiness set out in the notice of AGM.

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

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 Securities 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 o

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 o 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 cast their vote by availing the remote e-voting facility.

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(Manoj Mishra)

Date: 06/09/2019 Company Secretary ACS-18801

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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

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P.S. Chandni Mahal, Delhi. Ph. 011-23279338, 23271751 DP/6547/CD/19



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#### **ANUSHKA SHARMA** My dad always told me two things which I still remember - do the right thing always and have compassion in your heart no matter what the circumstances are. It takes a special substance to be compassionate. This world is a circle of life. What goes around comes



#### **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

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 sustain them?



CIRCUITS —

#### **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

#### **ANGELINA JOLIE** Every film made in Afghanistan is a triumph against the odds. At a time when the future of Afghanistan is hanging in the balance, it reminds us of all that is at stake for millions of Afghan women, who deserve the freedom, independence and safety to

#### **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

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 to be a digital cloud where there are virtual museums of stories of India. It is one destination where you will find unique ones on every aspect from every corner and in almost every language of India told 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 the nation.

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 longtime 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

find a rhythm within us as a society then the nation is winning." And the idea is conveyed with such vigour that it gives you goosebumps. The four-minute, 18second film is the first in the series, which 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 lete hain.'

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 bil-

lions 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

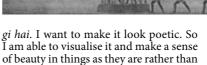
Moreover, Bala points out that he has limited resources to make these films which are to be shot in remote locations. We are in Mumbai so I have to make three trips. The first one to research, the second to recce where we take pho-

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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 ganda-



creating 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 timeless-

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 the 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 since he dabbles in a lot of different things including films like Maryan (2013), Journey Across India (2007) and Hari Om 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 thakraarein'."

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.







# 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

I old the cup close to your face. Let the aroma sink in. Take a small sip, and 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 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 lex-icon 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

> 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 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." The Ninki-Ichi Bottle

Feremed Sparkling Junmai

While there are 300 versions of

Umeshu in the Japanese market, a sake

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.

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, 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 sweet peach.

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 a 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 as 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."

Photo: Pankai Kumar



er 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 favourite in the lot. At this counter, the first thing I heard from the people around was that "It's known for its fragrances." The first, Ninki-Ichi Yuzu-shu (citron liqueur), commonly known as a 'winter delicacy', 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

salmon or sushi, but "perfectly with

paneer and chicken tikka as well (laughs)."

The Miyanoyuki Junmaishu was yet anoth-

#### STUDIO CHAT 30 MINUTES



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

 $P^{icture\ this.\ You\ are\ sitting\ in\ a}_{chair\ in\ a\ theatre\ which\ is\ absolutely\ silent.\ Suddenly\ a\ doll$ 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 struggling to maintain your calm.

This nerve-racking feeling while reading the script made actor Rohit Roy go for the play *Ovee* too. He tells "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  $\bar{b}$ ut 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 of me.

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

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, people will like it," adds he. The actor

> 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

has played a plethora of parts

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 '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 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. 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 person 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

#### **CONVERSATION 15 MINUTES –**

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 man-

ner 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

Imagine yourself in a forest witnessing the strength of the tiger, the stealth of the leopard, the foresities of the leopard, the foresities of the leopard the le

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.)

# **Burns, Root keep Aus at bay**

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

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

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them retain the Ashes at 2-1 up with one to play in a five-Test

third wicket

Smith's 211 on Thursday, his third Test century in four innings, was the cornerstone of



# Flintoff reveals coaching dream

**AFP** ■ LONDON

Former England star Andrew Flintoff has revealed he dreams of coaching the national team in the

Flintoff called time on his international career in 2009 and has been working as a television presenter recently after a brief foray into boxing.

The all-rounder hopes to return to cricket in a coaching capacity and already has lower-level qual-

England are currently looking for someone to replace Trevor Bayliss who is due to step down at the end

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

"Coaching is definitely an 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

"I'd love to be England coach one day, just not quite Flintoff, who played his 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 national team coaching job when it became available in

But he was not taken seriously and the role went to

# It helps that Saurabh and I hardly connect: Bhaker

ommunication is key aspect in a team Communication is key aspect. remaining "disconnected" with partner Saurabh Chaudhary has been the key to

Cups.

The teenagers will be gunning for a podium finish at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics having already booked a quota place for the

"We are not very connected. We are two very different things (individuals)," the 17year-old Manu told PTI when asked about her recipe of success having won her fourth mixed World Cup gold in Rio de Janeiro, last week.

At 17, one is free from fear of failure which is a common thread binding the teenage duo as they simply like to concentrate on their individual performances.

"We don't talk much. We are both on 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.

Manu will be among the 14 Indian shooters, who will represent the country at the year-ending World Cup Finals, scheduled to be held in Putian, China between November 17 and 23.

"I thought I will not be selected for

World Cup final as I didn't win any individual medals this year. I won all the mixed team gold with Saurabh. So it was unexpected 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.

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 Munich 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 25m 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.'

Interestingly, Manu couldn't win an individual medal at the four World Cups this

Asked how she analyses her performance this year, she said: "İ think it has been very progressive from Delhi to China, to 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 voungster 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.'

#### Snubbed in 2016, Sanjeev says he was determined to secure Olympic quota Cup as it was my last chance. I came out. They gave me an

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

Olympics.
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

week "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

an Olympic quota at the World

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 November.

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 competing at the Olympics, which I

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 manu-

facturing 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 quali-

fication round when one of his shots showed a 'no-score because of a scoreboard malfunction. "I was good even in elimination round. In kneeling posi-

tion, I shot 396 but there was a

target malfunction and it was

showing 39 shots out of 40. So

I protested and I felt the rifle and

"But by the time, I completed my kneeling position, the weather conditions changed, the wind was more and most of the top shooters had finished their kneeling and prone posi-

another shot after 24 minutes.

"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."

**AFP** MANCHESTER

Steve Smith is on course to enjoy one of the most productive 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 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 Archer, 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

"I think and visualise before I play where people are likely to bowl to me and where 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 Iack Leach to slip only to be reprieved when a third umpire review revealed the left-arm

"When I saw the foot over the line and (umpire) Kumar (Dharmasena) called me back I thought, 'How good is this! I

spinner had bowled a no-ball.

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

 $\mathbf{H}^{\mathrm{e}}$  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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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.

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 ,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 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 cricket royalty. "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.

amazing to see all his notes

"Steve Śmith 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

de Janeiro.

"The number of medals that our shooting team has won is commendable and I congratulate the entire team for the outstanding performance," Rijiju told reporters after meeting the team here.

"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.

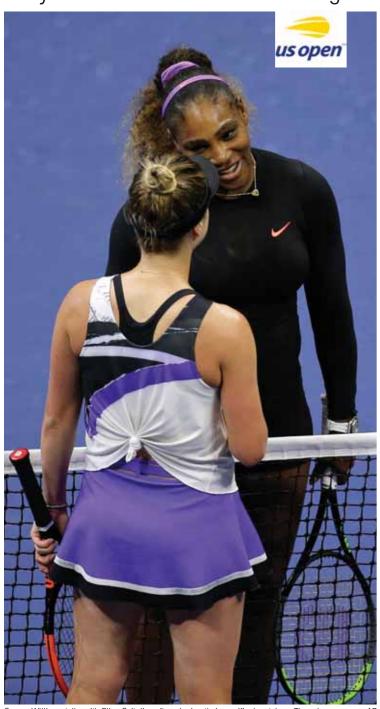
Asked about the issue, Rijiju said: "India is one of the most important nations in the Commonwealth Games Federation and excluding shooting from 2022 has upset all of us.

...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.

# 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 Canadian 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, it 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."

Williams, who was beaten by

final in July, returns to

the championship

match in

Simona Halep in the Wimbledon

to hang on in there."

- Elina Svitolina

semis in a row is really hard to York a year on from her infado and I just wanted to not get mous meltdown in a loss to off to a slow start and I wanted Naomi Osaka overshadowed by controversy. Svitolina, 24, was attempting

> Medvedev, who lost in five sets to Andre Agassi at the 1999 French Open. "On the important moments, she steps up, always steps up, always brings her best game," Svitolina said.

> to become just the second

Ukrainian to play in a Grand

Slam singles final after Andrei

"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, legendary 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.

> sealed it when Bencic swatted a forehand long. Bencic, the 13th seed, raced

> -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 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. Pavas 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 ACE

**AFP** CHITTAGONG

 $S^{\mathrm{pin}}$  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 lost 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

# Samson stars in series win

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ocal hero Sanju Samson struck a Lblistering 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

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 halfcentury.

Samson overshadowed his illustrious 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 ggressive 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 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 Indies tour.

"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 three fifties

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



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-10 of all time.

# Rathour concerned about Test openers

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**▼**ndia's newly-appointed 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.



We need to find a way for them to be more consistent," Rathour told the BCCI's official website. Rathour said the likes

Shreyas Iyer and Manish Pandey seem to be good options for the 50-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

**AFP** ■ BUCHAREST

Cpain took a step closer to qualifica-Otion 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,

Paco Alcacer celebrates after scoring Spain's

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.



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.