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Investors lose ₹2.72L cr in 2 days

Hit by oil crisis, Sensex tanks 642 points

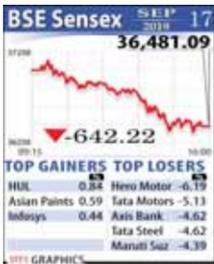
PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Equity investors lost ₹2.72 lakh crore in two days as market tanked for the second day in a row on Tuesday following spike in the crude price triggered by drone attacks on the world's largest oil processing facilities in Saudi Arabia. The rise in geopolitical tensions in West Asia led to severe selling in the equity market.

The Sensex on Tuesday plummeted 642.22 points or 1.73 per cent to close at 36,481.09. During the day, it dropped 704.22 points. Sensex on Monday tanked 262 points.

After soaring as much as 20 per cent to \$71.95 per barrel on Monday, Brent crude futures corrected slightly to trade at \$67.97 per barrel on Tuesday.

Haunted by fear that elevated crude prices could worsen India's fiscal concerns, the market came under vicious bear grip and even blue chip stocks could not withstand the sell-off. Led by the heavy selling in the market, the market capitalisation (m-cap) of BSE-listed companies was eroded by ₹2,72,593.54 crore to ₹1,39,70,356.22 crore.



TOP GAINERS		TOP LOSERS	
HUL	0.84	Hero Motor	-6.57
Asian Paints	0.59	Tata Motors	-5.13
Infosys	0.44	Axis Bank	-4.62
		Tata Steel	-4.62
		Maruti Suz	-4.39

TOP GAINERS		TOP LOSERS	
GAIL	1.85	Hero Motor	-6.57
Titan	0.98	Tata Motors	-5.13
HUL	0.97	Axis Bank	-4.62
Asian Paints	0.70	Axis Bank	-4.68
Infosys	0.56	Maruti Suz	-4.62

All sectoral indices ended in the red, with BSE auto, realty, metal, banks, finance, oil and gas, energy, technology and IT indices falling up to 3.80 per cent. On the Sensex chart, losses were driven by Hero MotoCorp, Tata Motors, Axis Bank, Tata Steel, Maruti and SBI — falling by 6.19 per cent.

Only, Hindustan Uniliver, Asian Paints and Infosys ended in mild green. Broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices followed benchmarks, cracking up to 1.84 per cent. The rise in crude prices could give nightmare to the Government, which recently announced a slew of measures to boost up the economy. Each dollar rise in crude prices lead to a burden of ₹10,000 crore on India's oil import bill. Even if oil prices were to settle at a level which is 5-6 dollar more from average of the last year, India will stare at a very tough situation.

While RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das warned on Monday that India's current account and fiscal deficits could worsen if oil prices remain at the elevated level, many experts felt that higher oil prices were likely to severely hit economic conditions in India, which imports more than 70 per cent of its oil needs.

"Selling intensified as surge in oil prices and weakening rupee reduced the scope of economic turnaround in the near term. Banks were impacted the most while investors are in a pessimistic mood as stimulus packages from the Government are not adding any resurgence in sentiment. On global front, announcement of FED policy on Wednesday will be keenly watched and consensus is showing 25bps rate cut to counter low inflation," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services told news agency PTI.

Asia's biggest electrical market dim ahead of festival of lights

Bhagirath Palace in Delhi wears deserted look

CHANDAN PRAKASH ■ NEW DELHI

Asia's biggest wholesale electrical market Bhagirath Palace — a one-stop destination for retailers to buy electrical equipment — located in the heart of Delhi, wore a deserted look on Tuesday ahead of the festival season.

Many traders were sitting idle waiting for customers with only a few people seen doing window shopping in the narrow lanes of the market.

Bharat Ahuja, president of Delhi Electrical Traders Association, hold economic slowdown responsible for slack business. "Many real estate projects have been stalled in neighbouring States and it has hit sale of electrical appliances. Realtors were our major buyers and we have lost them as well," he said.

Ahuja said the Union Government has done nothing



A view of Bhagirath Palace electrical market

Pioneer photo

to address our concerns except announcing support to micro, small and medium enterprises. "How does it help traders?," he said, adding that the decreasing number of Government or local bodies tenders for electrical appliances has further added to our woes.

Traders claimed 70 to 80 per cent drop in sales. It has affected the job prospects. A trader said shopkeepers used to employ four to five workers every year before Diwali to deal with the festival rush but the situation this year is different. "Now, it is difficult

to keep the existing employees as there is not enough work. Staffers employed in shops have been reduced to two or three as compared to 10 to 12 in corresponding years.

Many workers came from different States in search of jobs here but they returned back disappointed," he said.

However, some traders blamed road blockage due to redevelopment work being carried out by the Shahjahanabad Redevelopment Corporation, a firm responsible for redevelopment of Old Delhi.

All 6 Raj BSP MLAs defect to Congress

Maya hits out at Congress, says it is untrustworthy

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Ashok Gehlot Government received a big boost in Rajasthan after all six BSP MLAs on Tuesday joined the Congress.

Though Gehlot denied having given any inducement to MLAs who switched sides, Mayawati accused the Congress of "betraying" her. Gehlot described Mayawati's reaction as "natural", but reiterated his party did not mount any pressure on the BSP MLAs.

"The Congress Government in Rajasthan has lured the BSP MLAs (to its fold) and given proof of being an untrustworthy and fraudulent party once again," said the BSP supremo in a tweet. Mayawati lamented that the Congress, instead of fighting rival parties, always hurts the ones which support them.

Gehlot justified the MLAs' cross-over, arguing that the



MLAs have taken the decision to join the Congress as per the aspiration of their electorate.

Congress State president Sachin Pilot too defended the development, saying the BSP MLAs have switched over to his party without any greed and it would boost development in their region. With BSP MLAs joining the Congress, the number of the Congress MLAs has increased to 106. The BJP has 72 MLAs in the 200-seat Assembly.

The Congress was able to woo MLAs from other parties after losing dozens of them in other States, particularly in Maharashtra, where its ally NCP has seen major exodus.

CAPSULE

POK WILL BE OURS ONE DAY, SAYS JAISHANKAR
New Delhi: Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK) is a part of India and New Delhi expects to have physical jurisdiction over it one day, EAM S Jaishankar said.

EX-KOLKATA CP FAILS TO GET ANTICIPATORY BAIL
Kolkata: Former Kolkata Police Commissioner Rajeev Kumar, did not get relief from Barasat District and Sessions Court on Tuesday on his anticipatory bail application hours after a special court refused to hear the plea.

ALL ACCUSED IN BETTIAH GANG-RAPE CASE HELD
Patna/Bettiah: All four persons named as accused in the Bettiah gang-rape case have been arrested and the complainant, who claimed she was 18 years old, turned out to be a minor.

AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE ASTRA TEST-FIRED
Balasore: IAF on Tuesday successfully flight-tested the indigenously developed air-to-air missile Astra that was fired from a fighter aircraft.

Mahathir says Modi didn't ask for Zakir's extradition

Jaishankar rejects Malaysian PM's claim, says Modi did request him in Vladivostok meet

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A major controversy has erupted over India's claim that Prime Minister Narendra Modi requested his Malaysian counterpart Mahathir Mohamad to facilitate extradition of controversial preacher Zakir Naik facing charges of terror related cases.

This was after Mahathir said that Modi, whom he met in Russia during an economic forum earlier this month, made no such extradition request.

Reacting to Mahathir's statement, External Affairs



Minister S Jaishankar said Naik's extradition issue had indeed come up during Modi's meeting with his Malaysian counterpart in Vladivostok. Jaishankar said India placed in January a request with Malaysia for Naik's extradition.

Naik, a 53-year-old radical television preacher, left India in 2016 when his name cropped

up in the Dhaka blasts, and subsequently moved to Malaysia, where he was granted permanent residency.

Briefing reporters on the Prime Minister's bilateral meeting with Mahathir on September 5, Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale had said Modi raised the issue of Naik's extradition with the Malaysian PM.

"Not many countries want him. I met Modi. He didn't ask me for this man," Mahathir told Malaysian radio station BFM 89.9 when asked about Naik's extradition. He also said Malaysia was looking for a place to send Naik, who has made racially sensitive comments against Hindu and Chinese Malaysians recently.

Mahathir then reaffirmed that Naik will no longer be allowed to publicly speak in Malaysia following his racially divisive remarks.

Lot of progress made in easing India-Pakistan tensions: Trump

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump has said that he will soon meet the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan, even as he insisted that a "lot of progress" has been made in reducing tension between the countries.

While Trump along with Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address over 50,000 Indian-Americans at the "Howdy, Modi!" mega event in Houston on September 22, the American President did not say when or where will he be meeting Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan.

"I'll see Prime Minister Modi and I will — we'll — be meeting with (PMs of) India and Pakistan," Trump told reporters in response to a question at the White House on Monday.

DEMOLITION DRIVE IN PURI

Demarcation in 75-metre security zone begins



PNS ■ PURI

The district administration on Tuesday began a preliminary demarcation of the constructions in the 75-metre security zone of the Jagannath Temple by engaging revenue officials.

The final demarcation would be conducted through

the GPS system to ensure an error-free acquisition process in the eviction drive. The administration also sent a proposal under the Land Acquisition Act 2013 to the State Government for its approval, said an official.

It also launched a special cell headed by the ADM, Rehabilitation and Restoration (Rand R), to hear complaints

and allegations of affected people.

In a related development, the five probationary IAS officers assigned duty for the mega heritage project in the city were given charge of 50 houses each to meet the affected residents and solve their problems, said district collector Balawant Singh.

Plastic ban in all urban areas from Oct 2

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Use of plastic would be banned in all the urban areas of the State from October 2, Gandhi Jayanti day, said Forest and Environment Minister Bikram Keshari Arukha on Tuesday.

The ban would be imposed on polythene carry bags of any shape, thickness and size (excluding compostable), polyethylene terephthalate (PET/PETE) bottles of less than 200 ml capacity, single-use disposable cutlery made of thermocol (polystyrene), polyurethane and similar products; or plastic such as dish, spoon, cup, plate, glass, fork, bowl, pouch to store liquid and container of any size and shape except for packing and selling of milk and ancillary milk products and thermocol decorative materials, official sources said.

The department has invited suggestions/objections in this connection from public for consideration within 15 days from the date of publication of an order dated September 10, 2019.

Earlier, the ban on plastic usage had come into force in six cities, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Brahmapur, Rourkela, Sambalpur and Puri, on October 2 last year.

IN COLLEGE HOSTEL IN SAMBALPUR

Boy assaulted by seniors for 4 days, left critically injured

Parents discover incident when they call on ward

NIMAI CHARAN SAHU ■ SAMBALPUR

A student of +2 Arts in the Vedic College at Sasan, on the outskirts of Sambalpur city, has been critically injured due to brutal attacks by his four seniors.

The seniors began assaulting the victim over a trivial issue on Saturday and kept thrashing the boy for four days. Out of fear, the boy couldn't inform this to his parents.

However coincidentally, when his parents came to see him in the college on Tuesday, they were shocked to know about his condition.

They immediately met the college authorities and asked the reason behind keeping them in dark for so many days. But the authorities rather threatened them not to go to the police station and spread the news outside and particularly before media.

The statement of the boy before the media was further astonishing. The wounds on his entire body were clearly visible and spoke volumes of the atrocity meted out to him.

"Four boys beat me mercilessly when they spotted me talking with my sister. When I lost sense, they were giving me water and biscuits. When I came to sense they again beat me and this was the practice for four days," the boy said with tearful eyes.

It was clear that there was no proper security either in the college or in the hostel although a good number of students are accommodated there. Since it is sensitive case, the district administration has taken it very seriously.

An inquiry of the case has been entrusted on Additional SP PK Mahapatra. After the inquiry report comes, action as per the law will be taken," said Sambalpur SP Kanwar Bishal Singh.

Meanwhile, the public here have also expressed sharp reaction over the incident. Many asked how a family with dubious background has been allowed to run a college and a school together.

It was further learnt that they have not fulfilled the requirements of opening the school and college in one premises but are doing so by appeasing the officials in the Education Department.

Despite all efforts, chairman of the institution Anand Agrawal couldn't be contacted.

PURI EVICTIONS CASE IN SC

Amicus curiae seeks 2 weeks to file report

Court wants affected people's rehab

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Supreme Court-appointed Amicus Curiae Ranjit Kumar on Tuesday sought two weeks' time from the court to file his report on the evictions being carried out around the Jagannath Temple in Puri to make the area encroachment-free.

The apex court then fixed October 3 as the next date for the hearing in this case. A Division Bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra adjudicated the matter pertaining to a case filed by a Cuttack lawyer, Mrinalini Padhi.

"The next hearing in the case has been posted to October 3. Justice Arun Mishra said that along with demolition, restoration should also be done and the State Government should look into the rehabilitation of the affected people," informed Shree Jagannath



Temple Administration (SJTA) counsel Swetaketu Mishra.

Notably, Kumar, appointed as Amicus Curiae in the case of Mrinalini Padhi Vs Union of India over reforms

in the Jagannath Temple, had visited Puri along with Solicitor General of India Tushar Mehta on September 6 and given a clean chit to the eviction drive carried out by the Puri district administration.

He had expressed satisfaction over the steps being taken for converting Puri into a world heritage city.

During their visit to Puri, Kumar and Mehta had also met Puri Gajapati Maharaja Dibyasingh Deb. It was followed by a meeting with senior Government officials, including SJTA Chief Administrator Krishan Kumar.

ACTION PLAN TO TACKLE AIR POLLUTION

5 urban centres of Odisha now under NCAP

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

With air pollution hitting the urban centres hard, at least five cities of Odisha have been included under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP).
The latest addition is the major industrial zone of Kalinganagar, which has been included by the Union Government under NCAP, and the Centre would provide funds to take up initiative to tackle the air pollution.
Earlier in the NCAP urban centres like Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Rourkela and Talcher had been included. So, five

urban centres now find places in the list of NCAP and action plans are being prepared for the purpose.
While including Kalinganagar under NCAP, the Central Government has asked the State Government to prepare an action plan for tackling air pollution problem for the industrial zone.
There are 103 urban centres in the country included under the NCAP under which special funds are allocated by the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
The MoEFCC is providing 28 Priority Cities with 10 lakh



plus population with ₹10 crore per city. The Bhubaneswar-Cuttack twin cities would get ₹10 crore

during 2019-20 and 19 urban centres having population of 5-10 lakh would be funded with ₹20 lakh per city.
The rest urban centres would be provided ₹10 lakh each for tackling air pollution under NCAP, officials said.
Now, mechanical street sweepers would be placed in the twin cities to clean the roads and setting up of mobile enforcement units will be taken up under the Action Plan of NCAP, said sources.
Four Priority Urban Centres Action Plans are being formulated and initiative would be taken for creating Green Buffer Zones along with several other initiatives.
Installation and commissioning of Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station (CAAMS) would be taken up under the scheme, said a senior official in the Department of Forest and Environment.
Promotion of bicycle by creating bicycle tracks in the cities is being undertaken in the Action Plan, officials said.
Smart City Bhubaneswar has gone ahead with such initiatives while Rourkela city has also taken up measures as it is another Smart City of the State.

'Let BMC not shift small vendors to unviable locations'

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The visit by BMC Commissioner Prem Chandra Chaudhury with his officials to the Unit-I and Unit-II markets and the decision to improve the conditions there are considered as steps in the right direction.
At almost the same time the visit was in progress, a talk was being given by a young entrepreneur named Yeshwanth at the Business Excellence Summit that was being held at the premier management institute XIMB.
From the 2012 batch of XIMB, Yeshwanth is the founder of Thickshake Factory, an upcoming quick service restaurant brand with more than 120 outlets across India.
He is a mentor of change at Atal Innovation Mission and has been a recipient of multiple awards and recognitions including IMAGES Most Admired Startup of the Year, Business World 40 Under 40 and TV5 Business Leadership Award, among others.
Just a couple of weeks back, Thickshake also won the "QSR brand of the year - National" award. In his talk, Yeshwanth stressed on a point that has been recognized globally as a vital factor that determines the success or failure of any retail venture - "Location Location Location".
This is something that the administrators at BMC also

need to keep in mind while planning the development/redevelopment of any commercial area, to make Bhubaneswar a truly Smart City.
Unlike in developed economies, for our cities to be able to become Smart, we need to place greater emphasis on the tiny and small businesses, as in most cases they represent the first steps towards entrepreneurship by a generation that is finding it extremely difficult to find gainful employment.
While easing traffic and beautification of our city are very important, they should not become the cause for businesses to fail due to their being shifted to another unviable location.
For the smaller, footpath based businesses, this is even more important, for a single day's loss of business can be catastrophic and can make the difference whether or not a family goes to bed hungry.
Therefore, instead of the usual process that begins with demolitions and forced evacuations, innovative solutions that can achieve the same objective are the need of the hour.
However, with an enlightened small business friendly leadership in place, Bhubaneswar will surely see itself grow to become one of the Smartest Cities in India, if not the world where all sections of society stand to benefit.

Dharmendra wishes PM on birthday
'Water saving, end of single-use plastic to be best gift to Modi'

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said initiating efforts towards water conservation and stopping of single-use plastic would be the best gift to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his 69th birthday celebrated on Tuesday.
"Let awareness be created among general people about water conservation and stopping of single-use plastic. This would be the best gift to the PM on his birthday," Pradhan said in a social media video.
He prayed Lord Jagannath for long life of Modi. He said the Prime Minister has brought in a renaissance in the country and given special focus on Odisha's development.
Pradhan said the Government, NGOs and conscious citizens have started a mass movement to conserve water and stop using single use plastic on the advice of the Prime Minister. People should come forward to collect single-use plastics till Diwali.
Notably, the BJP is now observing a 'Seva Saptaha' across the country to mark the birth week of Modi from September 14 to 20.

4-kg tumour removed from abdomen in Kalinga hospital

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The BR Life Kalinga Hospital performed a high-risk tumour excision surgery on a 60-year-old patient and removed a four-kg football-size tumour measuring 30 x 30 x 30 cm recently.
The tumour was connected to multiple organs and tissue for the last 30 years.
Pratap Kumar Satpathy of Athagarh had the tumour in the abdomen.
The tumour, which was bulging anterior abdominal wall up to 10 cm, was building immense pressure



at lower chest, upper abdomen, heart, pericardium, major aorta

and abdominal aorta. The tumour was also compressing left side of the ribcage, left side of the liver, pancreas, diaphragm, esophagus, and the stomach.
"This was one of the complicated surgeries we have performed in BR Life Kalinga Hospital. While such a surgery takes about seven to eight hours, we were able to perform the surgery within the hours," said surgical gastroenterologist Dr Brundaban Nahak. Dr Pradeep Kumar Mishra was part of the successful surgery.

LSTK contract awarded for Talcher Fertilizers

Chinese firm to execute TFL's coal gasification, urea packages

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Union Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers on Tuesday awarded the Lump Sum Term Key (LSTK) contract to a Chinese firm for the Talcher Fertilizers Limited (TFL) at a programme held in New Delhi in the presence of Union Ministers DV Sadananda Gowda and Dharmendra Pradhan.
The LSTK contract was awarded to Wuhuan Engineering Company



Limited, China for implementing the coal gasification and ammonia/urea packages of TFL.

In order to augment the domestic urea capacity, revival of closed fertilizer units of Fertilizer Corporation of India

Ltd (FCIL) has been top priority agenda of the Union Government. Accordingly, the Government has mandated

TFL, a Joint Venture Company of nominated PSUs like RCF, CIL, FCIL and GAIL, to revive the Talcher unit of FCIL, said a release.
With an estimated investment of Rs 13,277 crore, the project will produce 1.27 MMTPA of neem-coated urea through gasification of a mixed feedstock comprising of high ash Indian coal and petcoke. TFL has been allotted northern part of North Arkhpal mine as captive mine for meeting its coal requirements and petcoke shall be sourced from the Paradip refinery of IOCL. The commissioning of this project is expected in third quarter of 2023.

KALIA MONEY
Steps soon to recover from ineligible beneficiaries

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The State Government would soon take steps for recovering the financial assistance provided to ineligible beneficiaries under the Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA) scheme, informed Agriculture Minister Arun Sahoo on Tuesday.
As much as more than ₹170 crore has been provided to a whopping number of 3.41 lakh ineligible beneficiaries under the scheme. They include 12,000 large farmers, 9,000 minor girls or boys, 20,000 Government employees and pensioners and over 3 lakh persons who identified themselves as separate

beneficiaries despite being members of same families, the Minister pointed out.
Sahoo added that the money would be recovered from salary and pension of the Government employees and pensioners who have availed the financial assistance.
Furthermore, only one member of a beneficiary family, whose multiple members are ineligible beneficiary, would remain as the eligible beneficiary. Other ineligible beneficiaries would be asked to refund the amounts.
Meanwhile, official sources said that financial assistance to eligible beneficiaries for Kharif-2019 would be provided by September-end.

Jumbo herd stranded on Mahanadi bank

PNS ■ CUTTACK

A herd of 11 elephants was stranded on the banks of the Mahanadi river near Bhagipur under the Dampada Forest Range in the Banki area of Cuttack district on Tuesday.
The elephants were moving towards the Chandaka forest in Bhubaneswar from Athagarh but got stranded while they were searching for food.
They could not cross the river due to strong current in it. A team of 15 staffs from the Dampada Forest Range reached the spot and



launched an operation to rescue the trapped pachyderms.

Jiva Ayurveda holds free consultations
Director attends Ankul Jayanti

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Jiva Ayurveda founder-director Dr Partap Chauhan addressed disciples of Shri Shri Thakur Anukul Chandra on Anukul Jayanti at two separate events here on Tuesday.
More than 800 people attended his speech on health and spirituality. He paid respects to Thakur Anukul Chandra.
Later in the day, Dr Chauhan along with senior Jiva doctors consulted distinguished members of the Satsang organisation and prescribed medicines. Patients



were also consulted at the Jiva Ayurveda Clinic located in the Deendayal Bhawan at Master Canteen. The Jiva Ayurveda consults

more than 8,000 patients every day through its three medical and research centres and more than 80 across the country.
The Jiva Medical and Research Centre, Faridabad, Haryana is a first-of-its-kind health centre in the world with more than 500 Ayurvedic doctors and support professionals providing telephonic consultations to patients across 1,800 cities and towns in India.

Fed up with fake news, fake world

SANJOY SATPATHY

All that we read or hear as news these days, 30 per cent of them has some truth and the rest is cooked up and hyped. Few of the news are of previous years but nonetheless, some are paid news with photographs. Some players and their wife are always in the limelight, as if the newspaper sale would stop without their gossips and photographs.
Most of us are so habituated with reading and watching false news that it has become a part of our life. Some photographers arrange shots like four daughters carrying corpse of a father-in-law or an IAS or IPS

The best part is this news never reaches the top boss, nor is any action taken because they are nonexistent and based on falsehood
officer giving a helping hand to a patient, or a traffic police helping a physically-handicapped person; the list goes on. The best part is this news never reaches the top boss, nor is any action taken because they are nonexistent and based on falsehood.
Unfortunately, most of us gossip on these fake news and spend our time and money. Common man is least bothered if water is there on moon or mars, but our scientists cry if water is not found in stars or

moons? A billion-dollar adventure fails but the agency is encouraged for further misadventure in future as a political stunt! Some top scientists cry on the shoulder of the PM to save their job!
Friends, this is a fake world and we live like fake people day-in and day-out. Newspapers fill up their pages with only 5 percent substance but 95 percent trash. The best use of newspapers is probably done by packers and movers and those wrapping beer bottles. Really difficult to differentiate newspapers from gossip magazines!
(The writer is an ex-Joint Director, SAIL and a senior citizen)

BMC to sterilise, vaccinate 4,600 dogs

- Dogs to be kept in kennels for 5 days
- ₹500 to be spent per day per animal

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) has carved out a new strategy to achieve its animal birth control (ABC) target.
A meeting organised by the BMC on Monday decided to implement the strategy by this weekend. ABC is a programme being implemented under the Animal Welfare Board,

Government of India.
The meeting chaired by BMC Deputy Commissioner Shyam Sundar Sethy targeted to sterilise 600 dogs per month with two team's movement on each working day.
The team is consisting of a doctor, two catchers, a supporting resource person and a driver. Taking that each month has an average of 20 working days, 30 dogs will be sterilised



each day, said Nodal Officer Dr Trilochan Sahoo. The action would reap triple benefits like reduction of dog population, dog vaccination and rabbit control, he added.
A dog is treated for five

days under the programme. Around, 4,600 dogs are present in Bhubaneswar as per the calculation made during 2015 by the Animal Welfare Board.
The State Government in

the Housing and Urban Development Department has provisioned an amount of ₹500 per day per dog that includes all services in ABC implementation. This excludes staff salary. Dogs will be kept in a kennel. Each kennel has capacity of accommodating 40 dogs.
Khechudi and dal will be given to dogs for five days. It has been set that each dog will eat 400 gram rice and 100 gram dal.
Besides sterilisation, each dog will be given anti rabbi's vaccine. Members of NGOs like "People for Animal" and "Speak for Animal" were present.

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No Aadhaar: Many disabled denied pension in N'pada

AJIT PANDA ■ NUAPADA

Denial of pension to many disabled people of Nuapada district has hit the livelihoods of these deprived lots.

According to a survey done by NGO SPREAD, a few months ago, 143 persons out of a total 486 disabled persons in Komna block of the district had not been issued disability certificate which accounts for over 30 per cent of their total number.

Random field verifications of a few cases of the survey by this correspondent reveal that some of these people are in dire need of Government support.

One of such cases is Dinabanta Majhi (7), of Godbhata village under Komna block. Dinamanta's parents Tejram and Mehamat are daily wage labourers.

Dinabanta has cerebral palsy and visual impairment but he has not been issued any certificate because he is not Aadhaar enrolled. "It is difficult for me to do wage work leaving this baby single at home," said Mehamat, the boy's mother.

Four-year old Mancheswar Majhi of the same village is supine, unable to sit. "We have not applied for a certificate because there is no Aadhaar card," said his father Gautam.



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The SPREAD had identified 25 such cases last year in the block who are unable to apply for pension due to lack of Aadhaar registration.

Manisha (6), daughter of Tikman Majhi, is a native of Jamgaon village of Sunabeda panchayat.

She was issued a certificate with 70 per cent disability in October 2013, but she is yet to be included in the pension scheme till now.

"I submitted the application in the Panchayat after getting the certificate and after five years, they say that the old certificate is not valid and I have to avail a new certificate for my child at Nuapada," told Tikman.

An inquiry reveals that the child has to be registered for UDID (Unique Disability ID) to get pension benefit. Only 31

out of 480 disabled persons (16%) in the block have UDID registration.

The SPREAD survey has also revealed that above 30 per cent of the total disabled persons of Komna block have not yet been included in Pension Scheme. Only 278 of 461 people suffering disabilities of various nature have been registered under Rastriya Swasthya Bima Yojana.

Most of the disabled persons (above 70 per cent) identified, belong to landless families and 80 per cent of them have not benefited under rural housing programme.

Likewise, above 90 per cent of the disabled persons do not

have bus or train passes.

"The Government should address the problems of these people on priority basis, there should be special drive and services including Aadhaar registration and UDID to them should be provided at their doorsteps," said Biju Jhankar, a resident of Sanbaheli village of Sunabeda panchayat.

The SPREAD, meanwhile, has submitted a list of identified persons to concerned officials of Komna block. "We have been allotted some target by the Government recently which will enable us to include the excluded persons," said a block official.

Union Min Sarangi cleans J'suguda railway station



PNS ■ JHARSUGUDA

Union Minister of State MSME Pratap Chandra Sarangion Tuesday morning participated in a cleaning operation at the J'suguda railway station premises with broomstick in hand along with party workers and senior leaders as a part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

Sarangion gave a clarion call to con-

vert the country free from plastic. This was done as part of the celebration of the 69th birth day of PM Narendra Modi as Seva Saptah.

Former MLA Radharani Panda and many other district BJP leaders also participated in the cleaning drive.

Thereafter, the Minister distributed fruits among the students of a special school at Brundamal here.

Drivers' body holds rally in Brahmapur

PNS ■ BRAHMAMAPUR

Members of the Odisha Motor Chalak Sangha (OMCS), Brahmapur unit held a rally under leadership of its president Rajendra Kumar Choudhury here on Tuesday demanding fulfilment of its five-point charter of demands.

The association in a letter to the Brahmapur Sub-Collector demanded providing of a place for a permanent taxi-stand, an office in the

locality for the drivers to do their routine works, a rest room for the drivers and providing basic facilities and registering of all drivers under the Labour Department and providing identity cards to them.

Among others, Nilamadav Pathi, Dohara Gouda, Dileswar Das, Jitendra Kumar Panda, Gopal Sahu, Prasad Rao, Dillip Kumar Rao, Tuna Maharana, Purshotam Gouda and Padmanav Behera were present.



Patients' deaths spark tension in K'jhar DHH Kin allege medical negligence



PNS ■ KEONJHAR

The death of two patients' sparked tension at the District Headquarter Hospital (DHH) here on Tuesday when their relatives staged protests alleging negligence in their treatment.

A woman, Khirodini Patra, of Narapur, on the outskirts of Keonjhar town had been admitted to the hospital on Monday

night.

Her condition deteriorated early on Tuesday morning, following which the concerned doctor directed the hospital staffs to administer her oxygen. But no one turned up and shortly she died, her relatives alleged.

Another patient, Janaki Patra, of Karanjia in Mayurbhanj district was admitted to the DHH after she was bitten by a snake. She was

administered an injection in the morning. But her family members alleged that her heart stopped beating after the administration of the injection.

As tension prevailed in the hospital premises, the authorities had a hard time trying to pacify the kin of the deceased. Later, the CDMO formed a three-member committee to probe into the matters.

120 kg ganja seized; 2 held in Gajapati

PNS ■ PARALAKHEMUNDI

The Adaba police in Gajapati district seized 120 kg of ganja and arrested two persons for carrying the contraband during a patrolling on Monday.

The police came across the two persons standing suspiciously with three gunny bags. During inspection, it was found that the bags contained 120 kg of ganja worth about Rs 15 lakh. The two were waiting to board a Brahmapur-bound bus.

During interrogation, they said they were taking the contraband item to Brahmapur



and Bhubaneswar from which it is supplied to outside the State.

The two arrested were identified as Kahnu Charan Mallick of Chadiapadar village under Mohana block and Papu Saha of Kaushal district of

Bihar. They were latter forwarded to court.

It may be noted that incidents of ganja seizure and arrests of people for transporting the item is reported in Gajapati district almost every day.

Manav Adhikar demands action against docs

Submits memo to PM

PNS ■ BRAHMAMAPUR

The Manav Adhikar Surakhya Manch Ghanta Yatra (cymbal beating rally) demanding stringent action the doctors who are involved in manhandling patients and their kin and holding cease-work stirs entered its 105th phase here on Monday.

The Manch submitted a memorandum to the RDC (Southern) addressed to Prime

Minister Narendra Modi to take action against the doctors.

Manch coordinator Abani Kumar Gaya said that patients' relatives are attacked by groups of doctors when they raise their voices against the medical negligence and later doctors lodge complaints and resort to cease-work stirs resulting in disruption of health services.

He further pointed out that such incidents are witnessed at regular



intervals in the State's three most prominent medical college hospitals, MKCG (Brahmapur), SCB (Cuttack) and VIMSAR (Burla).

In the MKCG, such incidents take place once in every two months. If this attitude of a section of doctors persists, it would not only disrupt healthcare but also denigrate doctors' image and dignity, Gaya added.

Woman IIC shifted for police excess in Bhadrak

Cop found guilty after probe by IG

PNS ■ BHADRAK

Puruna Bazaar police station Inspector-in-Charge (IIC) Pragnan Mohanty was transferred on the charges of highhandedness and ordering a lathicharge on a mob at Puruna Bazaar here on Monday night.

Reports said Mohanty was transferred to the district police headquarters while Nayakanadhi PS IIC Ratikanta Giri was posted as the new IIC in her place.

Sources said Mohanty had



entered a garment store and had some items she had purchased. Losing her cool, the IIC allegedly

threw several items out of the shop and also manhandled the owner. Shopkeepers in the market, who gathered near the spot, protested the police excess. When some people gheraoed the police vehicle, the IIC ordered lathicharge to disperse the crowd. Some locals were injured in the police action. Getting information, Eastern Range IG Diptesh Patnaik and the Bhadrak SP rushed to the spot to prevent the situation from worsening further.

After preliminary investigations, the IG admitted charges of misbehaviour and police excess during the incident and assured to take immediate disciplinary action against the police IIC, following which normalcy was restored.

Expectant mother carried on cot in N'rangpur

Due to lack of motorable road

PNS ■ NABARANPUR

In yet another example of poor road connectivity in Papadahandi block of the district, an expectant mother of Ambidipadar village under Moidalpur panchayat was carried on a cot by relatives up to an ambulance parked around two and a half km away from her village on Monday.

One Dashei Santa of Ambidipadar village went to labour in the morning. Subsequently, the woman's relatives called up a 'Janani Surakhya' ambulance. But the vehi-



cle could not reach the village, which was only three km from NH-26, due to mud filled road.

When the labour pain of Dashei became intense, her relatives and one ASHA Worker decided to carry her on a cot up to Hatapada where the

ambulance was waiting. Later, the woman was admitted to the Moidalpur Primary Health Centre where she gave birth to a baby girl.

Hospital sources said the conditions of the mother and the newborn were stable.

Doc carries boy patient on sling for 5 km

PNS ■ MALKANGIRI

A doctor in Malkangiri district has set an example by carrying a patient on a sling for 5 km to make the latter board an ambulance.

A 12-year-old boy of Nuaguda village under Khairput block of the district was suffering from fever.

His family members telephoned the ambulance service for admitting him to a nearby hospital.

But the vehicle could not reach the village due to lack of a motorable road.

Meanwhile, Shakti Prasad Mishra, a doctor working with NGO Arogya Plus, came out and carried the boy on a sling for 5 km along with the ambulance driver through a hilly terrain and made the patient reach the ambulance.

The boy was then taken to the Malkangiri District



Headquarters Hospital. Dr Mishra has earned accolades from all quarters for his humanitarian act.

'Women villains biggest contribution of Odia Jatra'

Meet Jajpur artist Baidyanath Kar

PNS ■ JAJPUR

Baidyanath Kar (45) of Koili village in Jajpur district is known as Lalit Pawar of Odia Jatras as he plays the role of villains. His roles as the villainous stepmother and mother-in-law in many Jatras and plays have received rave reviews.

"Since the age of 12, I have been working in many plays, dramas and Jatras in the State. In our school, I acted as Manthara, the lady villain of the Ramayana, and since then, I never looked back. I acted as Kaikeyi of the Ramayana. I never acted in the role of a male," said Baidyanath Kar.

"The roles of lady villains are more difficult for a male. But more than two decades, I have been successfully acting as the villainous step-mothers, mother-in-laws, lady



dacoits and others," said Kar.

"My role as dacoit queen Phoolan Devi attracted many audi-

ences ten years back. Our Jatra industry has given us memorable characters like no other. And one of the biggest contributions of this

industry has been our lady villains. Jatra formulae are sacred, sacrosanct and to be performed with utmost precision. Given that, it was inevitable that the Jatra industry sought to do something different when it glamorised its villains," he added.

"The villain had to have something that separated him from the good lot. And that important thing was hair style. Another staple of our Jatra villain is the dialogue. However, as the time has gone by, the inherent menace associated with our villain has gone down. Now we have the anti-heroes or heroines with shades of grey," Kar said further.

Now roles of villainous daughters, daughters-in-law, mothers-in-law, step-mothers, women servants have higher appreciations from the audience, said Kar, explaining why he chooses to play these characters most often.

Golden Temple team visits Mangu Mutt | Urges Puri DM for its safety



PNS ■ PURI

A delegation from the Golden Temple of Amritsar comprising SGPC members Harjap Singh, Gurmit Singh and joint secretary Sakatar Singhji, along with Odisha Sikh Pratidinhi Board

members visited the Mangu Mutt at Puri. This delegation visited the mutt after a wrong message on social media that the Mangu Mutt structure was brought down by the Government in the process of 75-metre eviction drive. It was also mentioned that a

Gurudwara also existed in that place. However, they heaved a sigh of relief seeing that the Mangu Math was intact and there was never a Gurudwara in the mutt. The delegation later requested the district Collector to preserve the heritage of Mangu Mutt.

MKCG medical clerk in Vig net

₹1.67-crore assets detected

PNS ■ CUTTACK

Acting on the allegation of accumulation disproportionate to-income assets made against MKCG Medical College Hospital Junior Clerk Ajit Kumar Sahu, Vigilance sleuths on Tuesday conducted raids at his office room and house at five places and detected assets worth Rs 1.67,26,667 in his and his family members' names.

The anti-corruption agency officials conducted simultaneous searches at Sahu's duplex house at Sibapadma Colony, three-storied building at Gajapati Nagar, three-storied building at Lanjipalli, office chamber and a cement distribution agency, all in Brampur, on the capacity of a court warrant. The detected assets included triple-storied building of Rs 61,87,000, a duplex building of Rs 22,00,000, building renovation and extension done at Rs 12,50,000, eight home-stand plots of Rs 41,31,761, a car of Rs 6,91,804, two bikes of Rs 2,77,000, insurance deposits of Rs 9,74,870, bank deposits of Rs 24,403, gold ornaments of Rs 2,85,400, cash of Rs 1,95,710 and household articles of Rs 5,08,719.

'Constables are foundation of police setup'

24th batch Recruit Constables passing out parade held



PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Constables are the foundation stone of the State police organisation, said DGP BK Sharma attending the passing out parade of 24th batch Recruit Constables held at Urban Police and Traffic Training Institute (UPTTI) here on Tuesday. Sharma took the ceremonial salute and inspected the parade which was attended by 266 women recruit constables. He congratulated the constables for successful completion of the training programme and advised them to upkeep the image of Odisha Police by rendering selfless and dedicated services to the citizen.

The DGP said the constables have a huge responsibility to successfully implement the "Mo Sarkar" programme scheduled to be launched by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik

on October 2.

Commissioner of Police Sudhanshu Sarangi gave the introductory address and ACP Training Suryakanta Mohanty and RI Bhagaban Panigrahi acted as Parade Commander and second in Command respectively in the programme. As many as 10 platoons consisting of 266 women recruit constables from 21 districts had undergone six months training of both indoor and outdoor activities.

Sharma gave away prizes and certificate to the best performing trainees. Constable Sajani Sahoo of Puri district, Constable Dipali Barik of Balangir district and Constable Madhumita Balabantray of Khordha district secured first, second and third position respectively in the final assessment test. Constable Parbati Sahoo of Jajpur district was felicitated for discipline during the training tenure.

Keonjhar DM assures hapless Bilashini of help

Widow of deceased Tata Sponge staffer on dharna for over 100 days

PNS ■ CHAMPAUA

Keonjhar district Collector Ashish Thakre assured to redress the grievances of Bilashini Karua, wife of Mohanty Karua, a deceased employee of Tata Sponge, in a public grievance meeting held in Joda block on Monday.

Deceased Mohanty who was working as a sweeper in Tata Sponge company situat-

ed at Bilaipada under Joda block died under mysterious conditions on August 4, 2006 while on duty in the factory.

It is specifically alleged by his widow that the postmortem of her husband had been done by the keeping the family members in dark. They came to know of the matter only when the body reached her house next morning.

However, the then MD of the company, Ashok Pandit had called Bilashini to his office and assured that her son will be given a job in the company and advised her not make much hue and cry.

Accordingly, Deepak

Karua, her son, was given a job but dispute started when he was removed from the company. Since then, the deceased's family has been trying to get justice but of no result. Lastly, the matter was highlighted when the deceased family sat in dharna in front of main gate of Tata Sponge on May 16. She is continuing the dharna till today.

Meanwhile, letters from the President of India and National Human Right Commission have been issued to the Collector with instructions to take action.

This was the second meeting of Bilashini with the Collector.

Open English medium school in each GP: FPI

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Freethought Party of India (FPI) said that quality English medium education for every child is absolutely necessary to enable them get job.

The party hailed CM Naveen Patnaik for opening 200 English medium schools in rural areas of the State. "We demand that such schools should be opened at each gram panchayat (GP)," said an FPI release.

FPI general secretary B Ramchandra CST Voltaire expressed concern that the standard of education in Odia medium schools has deteriorated and mass cheating in examinations in rural schools and colleges has been a common trend. He urged upon the activists demanding promotion of Odia language to look at the deplorable standard of education in rural areas.

"Union Minister Santosh Kumar Gangwar has very rightly stated that the north India students are not at all well employable. He says recruiters visiting north India complain of lack of quality people to fill vacancies," said Voltaire, urging upon the CM of Odisha and other Chief Ministers to open quality English medium schools for the benefit of students.

ECoR holds talk against plastic use



PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The East Coast Railway (ECoR) organised a seminar on 'Environmental Pollution and Plastic-Free Nation' to mark the Swachhta Pakhwada.

ECoR General Manager Vidya Bhushan stressed upon not using single-use plastic in railway premises, trains, residential areas and railway establishments and also encouraged passengers, vendors, railway staffs and rail users to avoid single-use plastic products and to use reusable bags to reduce plastic usages.

Joining the seminar, secretary, Orissa Environmental Society and convenor, Odisha Vigyan O' Parivesh Congress Dr Jayakrushna Panigrahi said plastic materials affect the environment because these are never degradable and not easy to recycle and also harmful to human health. He underscored the need for a massive awareness programme to educate common people to avoid its use.

KIIT MUN from Sept 20; 2500 registered to join



PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The KIIT International Model United Nations (KIIT MUN-2019), one of the best and most-anticipated MUN conferences in Asia, will commence from September 20.

With unique diplomatic and political debates straight

for three days, the event will feature profound speaking and diplomacy.

Like previous years, it has attracted student-delegates from all around the globe, more than 2,500 people, have registered for this mega event.

Besides 23 international collaborations and international

delegations, this year KIIT MUN is having Executive Board Members from five continents.

All day long political conferences will be wrapped up by networking dinner, marking the unity amongst all the nations.

Over the years, the KIIT International MUN has gained

INBRIEF

SCHOOL STUDENT FOUND HANGING IN KORAPUT

Koraput: A body of a Class-X student was found hanging in a bathroom of Shishu Sadan at Parabada of Koraput district on Monday evening. The deceased had gone missing in the morning, following which the school authorities searched for him. Later, he was found hanging in the bathroom. The body was recovered by police and brought to the District Headquarters Hospital for postmortem on Tuesday. It was suspected that the boy committed suicide by hanging himself. Police and Child Welfare Committee have started investigation into the incident.

ODIA SWABHIMAN PRATISTHAN GREET AP GUV



Brahmapur: The Antarjatiya Odia Swabhimani Pratisthan and the Mahan Sangh felicitated Biswa Bhusan Harichandan for his appointment as the Andhra Pradesh Governor. Pratisthan president Sushant Kumar Sabat and other members held discussion with Harichandan for the welfare of Odias residing in AP. They also had a talk for preparation of a world convention of the Pratisthan. Among others, Pradeep Kumar Sahoo, Srikanth Chandra Sabat, Sabita Sahoo and Pradeep Panigrahi were present.

BROTHERHOOD DAY OBSERVED IN BARIPADA



Baripada: The Baripada branch of Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari observed the Universal Brotherhood Day to mark the 126th anniversary of the historic speech delivered by Swami Vivekananda in 1893 in Chicago. Pandit Raghunath Murmu Medical College, Baripada Anatomy Department HOD Dr Ramakrushna Sahu and retired English Professor Manoranjan Mohanty attended as guests. Many youths, students and intellectuals of the town took part in the programme. Centre's Prof Anil Kar, Prof Sandip Chand and many others were present.

M'GIRI BOAT CAPSIZE: 3 MORE BODIES RECOVERED

Malkangiri: In connection with the recent Balmitea reservoir boat capsized incident, three more bodies were retrieved by Fire Services personnel on Monday evening. The boat had capsized on September 14 near Ambulibeda due to high tides when the victims were returning home at around 4 pm. While a woman's body had been recovered on the very day by the locals, three others were missing.

ICICI BANK OPENS NEW BRANCH IN BALESWAR

Baleswar: The ICICI Bank inaugurated a new branch at Roof Road here Tuesday. The branch offers locker facility and an in-branch ATM which is available 24x7. Collector K Sudarshan Chakravarty inaugurated the branch in presence of Baleswar Chambers of Commerce and Industries President Himanshu Das and bank Odisha and Chhattisgarh Retail Zonal Head Pradosh Rout. The ICICI Bank has more than 150 branches and over 300 ATMs in Odisha.

Missing nurse's body found in riverbed

JAGATSinghpur: Mystery shrouded the death of a nurse, whose body stuffed in a sack was recovered from the Bilukhahi riverbed under the Biridi police station in the district on Tuesday. The deceased was identified as Niharika Patra (23) of Baliaanta in Bhubaneswar. She was missing since September 9. It was suspected that she was murdered elsewhere and her body was dumped at a private nursing home in Cuttack.

"A missing complaint about her had earlier been lodged at the Madhupatna police station in Cuttack," said Jagatsinghpur Additional SP Biswanath Mishra.

Niharika's family members alleged involvement of her male friend, named Raja, in the murder. "My daughter had left home to meet Raja on September 8 and he has killed her," said Niharika's mother. **PNS**

Seven held for hacking youth to death in city

2 bikes, sharp weapons seized

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Police on Tuesday arrested seven persons for allegedly hacking a youth to death at Rangamatia under the Mancheswar police station on September 10.

The youth Deepak Behera (25), a resident of Rangamatia, had died after the group had attacked him with sharp-edged weapons while he was closing his shop and returning home. Police said that past enmity was the motive behind the

murder. The accused were identified as Soumya Ranjan Parida, Suresh Chandra Sahoo, Pratap Parida, Prafulla Parida, Pramod Parida, Malay Ranjan Tarai and Manoj Behera.

Police said that they are also trying to nab another accused identified as Chaina Chemi, who is on the run.

The arrestees confessed to their crime during interrogation. Two motorcycles, two sharp weapons, blood-stained soil samples, some blood-stained apparels were recovered from the possession of the accused persons, police sources said.

10 depts now to function in Kharavel Bhawan

- Rev collection upped by 7% by Aug
- Programme expenditure declines by 4%

BHUBANESWAR: As many as 10 Government departments will operate in the Kharavel Bhawan inaugurated here recently as an extension of the Lok Seva Bhawan (State Secretariat).

A decision was taken in the all Secretaries' meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Asit Tripathy in the Kharavel Bhawan for the first time.

Reviewing the basic facilities and connectivity available in the building, the Chief Secretary directed the identified ten departments to start operating from the new building soon. The Departments of Labour and ESI, Industry, Micro Small and Medium

ALL SECRETARIES' MEETING

Enterprise, Housing and Urban Development, Forest and Environment, Energy, Science and Technology, Skill Development and Technical Education, Commerce and Transport, Electronic and Information Technology would function from this new building.

Finance Secretary Ashok Meena appraised that the total revenue collection up to August, 2019 grew by around seven per cent over the same period of last fiscal year. The non-tax revenue increased by 12 per cent over previous year and the augmentation of revenue from own tax sources increased by five per cent. The total revenue collection increased to around Rs 12,315 crore against the last year collection of Rs 11,758 crore.

It was also revealed that the total programme expenditure

up to August was declined by four per cent in comparison to the same period of last fiscal year. The programme expenditure till August 2018 was around 32 per cent of the budget provision against which the expenditure till August 2019 was 28 per cent of the budgeted allocation. Tripathy directed to expedite implementation of the projects.

D e v e l o p m e n t Commissioner Suresh Chandra Mohapatra appraised that total collection under DMF up to August, 2019 was Rs 8,252 crore against which the Rs 8,067 crore was allocated for 12,664 projects. Around 71 per cent of the funds i.e. 5,722 crore was allocated to 9,241 projects under priority activities of DMF. Out of this, 73.50 per cent was utilised till August, 2019. Emphasising on implementation of 5T action agenda, Tripathy directed departments to fix quantitative targets with milestones and time lines. **PNS**

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Government of Orissa "e" Procurement Notice
Bid Identification No.- EEMID No-05 /2019-20 Dated : 16.09.2019

1. Number of works	: Total 03 (Three) Nos. of works
2. Estimated Cost	: ' 41.96 Lakhs to ' 43.62 Lakhs
3. Period of Completion	: 04 (Four) calendar months
4. Date & Time of availability of Bid documents in portal	: 10:00am of 19.09.2019
5. Last date / Time for receipt of bids in the portal	: 5:00pm. of 03.10.2019
6. Date of opening of Bid	: 11:00am of 04.10.2019
7. Name and address of the officer inviting Bid	: Executive Engineer, Manjore Irrigation Division, Athmallik

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "<http://tendersorissa.gov.in>"

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement
Bid Identification No. EEPHSBP-10/2019-20 Dt. 13.09.2019

01. Name of the Work	: 1 no. Work.
02. Type of Bid	: Two Bid System
03. Estimated Cost	: Rs. 93.19 lakhs
04. Period of Completion	: 5 (Five) Calendar Months.
05. Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	: From 11.00 AM of dt. 20.09.2019 to 5.00 PM of 04.10.2019
06. Last date / Time of receipt of bids in the portal	: 5.00 PM of 04.10.2019.
07. Date & Time of opening of technical bids	: At 11.30 AM of 10.10.2019.
08. Name and Address of the Officer Inviting Bid	: Executive Engineer, P.H. Division, Sambalpur, Brooks' Hill, Near Stadium, At/Po - Motijharan, Dist. - Sambalpur-768 001.

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Job losses, MVA penalties to top Cong poll agenda

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ NEW DELHI

The roadmap for the Congress campaign in the forthcoming Assembly polls will revolve around rising unemployment, increasing job losses, economic slowdown and the hefty penalty imposed on commuters under the new Motor Vehicle Act.

In the two crucial states of Haryana and Maharashtra, where agriculture is equally important, the party may announce certain sops the way they did in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh to wrest power from BJP last year.

AICC sources said that the party may also announce guaranteed stipend for unemployed youths in the poll-borne states of Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Haryana and a team has been constituted to devise a mechanism focusing on youths' aspirations.

"The roadmap is clear. Today every family of this country is affected by the bad

economics of Modi government. Every household has either lost a job, or did not get any employment and worst is that the Centre blames the skills and talent of Indian youths rather than accepting they are unable to meet the demands of citizens. They announced sops to farmers but still this segment is in distress," said a senior Congress leader at AICC.

The last time when Congress saw some success under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi was in Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Chhattisgarh where it was able to win voters by announcing populist measures for farmers, youth and poor.

While the economic slowdown has raised hopes for the grand old party to revive itself after its dismal Lok Sabha performance which ultimately led to Rahul Gandhi quitting the party president's post, it has brought trouble for the ruling BJP just ahead of elections in States where the BJP is in power.

Congress and alliance partners are constantly trying to corner the Modi government on slowdown, unemployment and rural distress. General secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra has been constantly talking about the issues concerning the youth like unemployment and job loss by taking to social media.

The mood in the Congress is also upbeat with the rise in monetary collections through donations. The party's treasury has seen a five-fold increase at Rs 146 crore in 2018-19 from mere Rs 26 crore in the last fiscal.

While erstwhile Tata-backed Progressive Electoral Trust emerged as biggest donor with Rs 55 crore, Prudent Electoral Trust (chiefly backed by Bharti Airtel group and DLF) donated Rs 39 crore. Prudent in last fiscal had donated Rs 144 crore to the BJP and Rs 10 crore to Congress. Party president Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi contributed Rs 54,000 each this fiscal.

INS Khanderi submarine to be inducted on Sep 28

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Indian Navy is set to induct the second Scorpene submarine INS Khanderi on September 28 in Mumbai in a function presided over by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. The remaining four Scorpene submarines are in advanced stages of manufacturing and trials.

Giving this information here on Tuesday, Navy Vice Chief Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar also said two other landmark events are planned on September 28. They include launch of first frigate Nilgiri under the Project-17 A and commissioning of the largest dry dock of the Indian Navy.

He said with the launch of these three projects, the Navy will further enhance its reach and combat sustenance.

INS Khanderi was launched into waters in January 2017 and was undergoing extensive sea trials before commissioning. When asked about the delays in inducting the submarine, Kumar said certain amount of delays and learning happen

along the way and it is acceptable. He also said all issues of Khanderi were now resolved.

The public sector Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL), Mumbai, is manufacturing six Scorpene conventional submarines under technology transfer from Naval Group of France under a 2005 contract worth \$3.75 bn. After a series of delays in the project, the first submarine of the class Kalvari joined service in December 2017. The entire project is expected to be completed by 2020.

The cost of the Scorpene project is now about Rs. 25,000 crore. The cost of aircraft carrier dry dock was Rs 1,320 crore while the cost of the seven frigates under P-17A is over Rs. 48,000 crores.

Responding to a query about budgetary constraints of the Navy, the Vice Chief said the service will certainly seek more money. "What we need is more capital allocation of the budget... Share of Navy share was 18% of defence budget in 2012-13 which has come down to 13.6%. We would like it to go back to 18-20%," he said.

Answering questions on the Naval Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), which made its first short arrested landing in Goa last week, Kumar said the Navy is fully in support of LCA project and always made payments on time. He also said the arrested landing is a great achievement and will lead to twin engine advanced medium combat aircraft which the Navy will induct.

After extensive arrested landings on shore, the pilots will graduate to landing on aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya. Landing and take-off from a moving aircraft carrier with restriction of space in terms of the landing strip demands exceptional pilot skills and sophisticated aircraft.

The Navy will finally induct a squadron (18-20 jets) indigenously designed and developed LCA on the aircraft carrier. At present, the service is operating MIG-29s from the carrier. Incidentally, the defence minister will spend a day at sea on board INS Vikramaditya after presiding over the three functions in Mumbai.

Govt carries out cadre review of lower rung of CRPF, 2.37 lakh troops to benefit

New Delhi: A first-ever cadre review for jawans and sub-officers of the CRPF will "benefit" 2.37-lakh troops as it will ensure faster promotion and monetary benefits to them, an order issued on Tuesday said.

The Union Home Ministry has sanctioned fresh posts to the CRPF, the lead internal security force of the country, in its fighting or combat ranks.

The over 3-lakh personnel force is thickly deployed in anti-Naxal operations, counter-terrorist offensives in the Kashmir Valley and responding to law and order duties across the country. As per the latest order, the CRPF said in a statement, while it will be a 100 per cent jump in sanction for the rank of sub-inspector (SI), the same figure will be 91 per cent for inspector ranks, 40 per cent for head constable and 34 per cent for assistant sub inspector (ASI) ranks, it said.

Henceforth, the total sanctioned posts in the subedar major or inspector ranks will rise upto 6,271 (91 pc) while it will be doubled to 17,403 in the rank of SI. "The maiden cadre review

for general duty personnel of the force will bring cheers to about 2.37-lakh personnel of Group B and C, from constable to inspector ranks, who were facing stagnation. This review has been undertaken the first time in its about eight decades long history," the force said.

This would provide opportunity for honing junior leadership and improve operational efficacy with a younger age profile, it said.

The move would also ensure faster career growth and better remuneration for these personnel who form the bulk of an operational team that is led by officers of the CRPF cadre and those from the Indian Police Service (IPS).

"The cadre review of these officials will add more responsibilities on their shoulders, improve their motivational level and increase their job satisfaction. This anti-stagnation drive would also motivate them to be fitter, a criteria vital for the promotion of those in uniformed services." CRPF spokesperson Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Moses Dhinakaran said. PTI

Ayodhya Case — SC asks lawyers to intimate tentative time schedule for completing arguments

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Tuesday asked the counsels for both Hindu and Muslim parties in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute case to inform it about the tentative "time schedule" for concluding their arguments.

The moment the 5-judge Constitution bench, headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi, re-assembled in the afternoon on the 25th day of the hearing, it asked senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan, appearing for Muslim parties, about the time schedule for conclusion of arguments saying it will enable it to know the time left for writing the judgement.

The CJ, who would demit office on November 17, this year, asked Dhavan to sit with his associates and inform the apex court about the number of days they will take to conclude the arguments.

The bench, also comprising justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan

and S A Nazeer, asked Dhavan to consult lawyers from other sides as well.

Dhavan, arguing for Sunni Waqf Board and others including original litigant M Siddiq on the 8th day, said he also wanted a judgement in this case and he would be very fast in advancing submissions.

The top court said that if the schedule is known, "then we will know how much time we have to write the judgment".

The senior lawyer then said that the court may consider granting him mid-week break on this Friday.

The bench said he may take the break, but the other counsel from Muslim side can advance submissions on Friday. "I do not want to break my argument," Dhavan said, adding that they have a schedule and they are conscious of the speed of the arguments.

The bench said Dhavan might be needing the break, but his "young team" was capable and would like to work hard. PTI

Kerala is part of India, courts there are bound by top court's orders: SC

New Delhi: Irked over the tinkering of its judgement and order by the Kerala High Court in a matter related to churches, the Supreme Court has said Kerala is a part of the Indian territory and courts there are bound to follow the law declared by the apex court.

The top court restrained the Kerala High Court and all civil courts there from passing any order in violation of the top court's 2017 decision which had held that prayer services were to be performed in consonance with the 1934 Malankara Church Constitution and guidelines. The 2017 judgement had said that 1,100 parishes and their churches under the Malankara Church should be controlled by the Orthodox faction as per those guidelines. A bench of Justices Arun Mishra and M R Shah said that as per Article 141 of the Constitution, the law declared by the apex court is binding on all the courts and under Article 144, civil and judicial authorities within the territory of India shall act in aid of the Supreme Court. PTI

SC stays execution of convict till Oct 16 in Coimbatore rape, double murder case

New Delhi: Three days ahead of the scheduled hanging of a death row convict for "horribly" gang raping a minor girl and killing her along with her brother in Coimbatore in 2010, the Supreme Court Tuesday stayed his execution till October 16.

A bench headed by Justice R F Nariman said it would hear on October 16 the plea filed by convict Manoharan seeking a review of the apex court's August 1 verdict had which confirmed his death penalty.

During the open court hearing on the review plea, the bench, which also comprised justices Sanjiv Khanna and Surya Kant, said it was granting "last opportunity" to the counsel representing the convict to argue the case since it was a matter of death sentence.

The counsel told the bench that a death warrant has been issued and he was scheduled to be executed on September 20.

"List the matter on October 16, 2019, at 3 pm as a last opportunity for oral arguments in terms of our judgment. Meanwhile, there shall be stay of execution of the death sen-

tence," the bench said in its order.

The top court had on August 1 sent Manoharan to gallows for "horribly" gang-raping a 10-year-old girl along with a co-accused and killing her and her seven-year-old brother by throwing them in a canal with their hands tied.

Terming the offence as "shocking" and "cold blooded", a three-judge bench, by a majority of 2:1, had upheld the verdicts of the trial court and the Madras High Court to award death penalty to the condemned convict saying that the offence fell under the "rarest of rare" category.

During the hearing on Tuesday, the counsel representing the convict told the bench that throughout the trial in the case, Manoharan was lodged in jail and seven advocates were changed in the matter due to which the convict was not duly represented from trial court to the top court.

"During the trial, he (convict) must have been produced before the court and interacted with his lawyers," the bench observed. PTI

Indo-US relations on upward trajectory, says S Jaishankar

New Delhi: Indo-US relations have been on an upward trajectory and they are in a very good health, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Tuesday.

Addressing the 100-day press conference of the Ministry of External Affairs, he said the "trajectory" of the relationship between India and the US has been "upwards" amid various administrations in Washington, be it Bush, Obama and now Trump.

Responding to a question on commerce, he said the trade problem between the two countries is "normal". "As relationship grows, there will be problems... The only way you don't have trade problems is when you do not trade," he said referring to the trade relations between the two nations.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be on a six-day visit to the US, beginning September 22.

Jaishankar said in partnership with the Indian diaspora, Modi addressed events in San Jose in 2015 and Madison Square in New York in 2014, and the September 22 event at Houston will be the third.

India-china faceoff at Ladakh not a skirmish: Min

New Delhi: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said the recent incident between Indian and Chinese soldiers on the bank of the Pangong Tso lake in eastern Ladakh was "not a skirmish" but a face-off which was resolved using bilateral mechanisms in place to defuse such situations. "We did not have a skirmish, I want to be very clear I think there was what we call a face-off. It was resolved. From time to time that has happened and it has happened because you have deferring perceptions of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and patrols meet and some time that kind of situation happens. A lot of effort has gone into mechanisms and procedures to address such situations," he said. PTI

'Don't worry' beyond a point what people say on Kashmir, India's position on it has and will prevail

New Delhi: India on Tuesday said there is no need to "worry" too much beyond a point about what people will say on Kashmir as it was its internal issue on which its position has "prevailed and will prevail", remarks that come in the backdrop of raging debate over New Delhi's decision to abrogate Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar hit out at Pakistan, saying India has a "unique challenge" from one neighbour and it would remain a challenge until that neighbour becomes a normal neighbour and acts against cross-border terrorism. He also made it clear that with Pakistan, the issue is not Article 370, the issue is cross-border terrorism and the first thing that has to come to table for any talks with Pakistan has to be the terrorism issue. PTI

He said the Indo-US relations are in very good health. "There is no facet of the relationship today which has not gone upward over the period of 20 years," he said. PTI

ED attaches Delhi farmhouse in Moin Qureshi case

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate Tuesday said it has attached a Delhi farmhouse and an old fort in the border town of Bikaner in Rajasthan as part of a money laundering probe case against controversial meat exporter Moin Qureshi.

The assets are "held" in the name of shell firms "controlled" by Qureshi, the ED said in a statement. It said a provisional order for attachment has been issued under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and the total value of the properties is Rs 9.35 crore. PTI

Tarigami slams centre for Abdullah's detention

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

CPI(M) leader from Kashmir Mohd Yousuf Tarigami on Tuesday criticised the Centre for detaining former Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah under PSA and said that "people across the border are clapping" that the Government has done what they could not. Addressing a Press conference with CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury, the former member of Jammu & Kashmir Assembly said that whatever is happen-

ing in Kashmir is not in the interest of the country.

"We, Abdullah and others are not terrorists. It is such a horrible time. I am very disturbed," he said.

Tarigami said he was under house arrest since August 5, when the Centre announced abrogation Article 370 and bifurcation of J&K. He was brought to the AIIMS here for treatment on the direction of the SC after it allowed Yechury to meet him in Srinagar and submit a report on his health condition.

Onion prices to remain high for next 15 days

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The retail price of onion is ruling between ₹ 50-60 per kg due to short supply in metro cities of the country. The prices are expected to remain high in the next 15 days or till the arrival of new crops.

According to the data maintained by the Consumer Affairs Ministry, the maximum retail price of onion was at ₹ 70 per kg while the model rate was ₹ 44 per kg. Among metros, onion prices were quoted at Rs 45-50 per kg in Chennai, ₹ 43-60 per kg in Mumbai, ₹ 44-60 per kg in Delhi and ₹ 45 per kg in Kolkata



Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Ram Vilas Paswan addresses a Press conference in New Delhi on Tuesday. Ranjan Dimri / PTI

on Friday, the ministry data showed. At present, fresh onions

are not available. It is mostly the stored one of the last year's crop.

Union Food and Consumers' Affairs minister Ram Vilas Paswan held a meeting in the ministry on skyrocketing of onion price in the retail market. In some parts of the country, onion is ruling high at ₹ 50-60 per kg depending on the quality and locality.

Terming high onion prices as a "temporary phase", Union minister Ram Vilas Paswan asserted that they have enough supplies in buffer stock to check prices of the staple food that

official data showed is ruling in the range of ₹50-60 per kg in some parts of the country.

"It is a temporary phase. Every year we face this problem (price rise) in three main perishable commodities potato, onion and tomato. This year, it is onion. However, we have enough supply in our buffer," Paswan said. "There was supply disruption because of floods in main-growing states like Maharashtra and Karnataka. Otherwise, the country has enough onion production and the Centre has also created a buffer stock of 56,000 tonne to address any shortages, he said.

Bhansali releases Mann Bairagi 1st look on Modi's 69th b'day

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Celebrating his 69th birthday with a packed schedule that included visiting his 99-year-old mother Heeraben, statue of unity, 'Sardar Sarovar dam', the Khalvani Eco-Tourism site and 'safari' in Gujarat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was greeted on Tuesday by a string of top political leaders even as a first-look poster of Sanjay Leela Bhansali's film on him titled 'Mann Bairagi' was launched on the occasion.

Top dignitaries and political leaders including Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and BJP president and Home Minister Amit Shah congratulated Modi with party leaders being effusive in their praise of the Prime Minister who is on his consecutive second inning at the centre.

Those congratulating the Prime Minister took note of his "strong" and "visionary" lead-

ership that led the county decisively in the comity of nations. Many BJP leader recalled his modest roots and praised his achievements as a world leader.

'Padmavat' fame film director Sanjay Leela Bhansali will weave a special feature film on Modi titled 'Mann Bairagi' and Bollywood star Akshay Kumar posted the film's poster on his Twitter account on the PM's birthday. The film is supposed to be based on an 'untold' story from the life of the Prime Minister - that of what inspired him to dedicate himself to the service of the nation.

In the national Capital, BJP leaders celebrated Modi's birthday by cutting cakes weighing 69 kg and 370 kg, highlighting the revocation of special status to J&K under Article 370, and 'bhandara' and 'yagna'.

Modi had a packed schedule and spent most part of the day in Gujarat. His schedule



Sarovar project is catering to needs of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan. Addressing a gathering in Kevadiya, he also thanked and saluted lakhs of people who worked to make Sardar Sarovar project a success. "Our culture believes in development while protecting environment. Nature our jewel and dear to us," he said.

On dismantling of Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir, he said that the BJP government's decision on Kashmir was inspired by Sardar Patel and an attempt to find solution to decades-old problem. In his congratulatory message to Prime Minister, Naidu said the nation is making steady progress under Modi's able leadership. Shah described Modi as a leader with strong willpower and a symbol of decisive leadership and hard work. "Under your leadership, an emerging India has made a

mark in the world as a strong, safe and reliable nation," Shah said on Twitter.

JP Nadda, the national working president of the BJP, called the PM a "Karmayogi" and said his dedication towards the "service of the nation" was an inspiration and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said the PM has been instrumental in building and strengthening India's position in the comity of nations.

Union Minister for Railways Piyush Goyal hailed Modi as a statesman, decisive leader and an inspiration for all. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath also wished the PM on his birthday. Among the opposition ranks, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee who is scheduled to meet Prime Minister on Wednesday, also wished him on his 69th birthday on her Twitter handle. Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi also extended his wishes to the PM.

Every two seconds, an e-card issued under AB- PMJAY

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In every two seconds, an e-card is being issued to a beneficiary under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ambitious health scheme Ayushman Bharat, or Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB- PMJAY), which is completing one year on September 23.

More than 45 lakh so far who have availed medical facilities worth Rs 7,500 crore, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said on Tuesday here at a press conference.

He said, over 10 crore Ayushman Bharat PMJAY eCards have been issued in around 350 days of the launch of the scheme. "I am pleased to share that more than 45 lakh people have availed cashless treatment worth over Rs 7,500 crore for serious illnesses since the launch of AB-PMJAY," he added. Several events are being

planned across the country to commemorate the first anniversary of its launch and September 23 will be celebrated as 'Ayushman Bharat Diwas' to generate awareness about the scheme.

The Minister said 18,000 hospitals have been empanelled so far and the effort was to get 25,000 on board. The fortnight of September 15-30 will be marked as the 'Ayushman Bharat Pakhwara' when several activities will be carried out in the states to generate awareness around the scheme and celebrate this gift of health to the nation.

Cyber security and privacy mechanisms have been set up at the National Health Authority, the apex body implementing the scheme to protect the beneficiary data. "Nearly 1,200 cases of fraud have been confirmed and action has been taken against 338 hospitals," the Minister said.

INSHORT

SIBAL SLAMS GOVT FOR ABDULLAH'S DETENTION

New Delhi: Senior Congress leader Kapil Sibal on Tuesday hit out at the BJP over the detention of Farooq Abdullah under the Public Safety Act and questioned whether the step was prompted by MDMK chief Vaiko's plea in the Supreme Court seeking a directive that the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister be produced before it.

CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED ON WORLD ENGINEERS DAY

New Delhi: On the occasion of World Engineers Day, a three-day Campaign on 'Art of Self Engineering' by Scientists and Engineers Wing of the Brahma Kumaris was launched in the national Capital by Durga Shankar Mishra, Secretary, Union Ministry of Urban and Housing Affairs. B.K. Mohan Singh, Chairman of Scientist and Engineers Wing of Brahma Kumaris was also present.

SJM URGES GOVT TO CAP UBER, OLA PRICING

New Delhi: The Transport Ministry should ensure surge pricing by cab aggregators like Uber and Ola is capped at 25 per cent, RSS-affiliate Swadeshi Jagran Manch (SJM) said on Tuesday, cautioning that if not done, States might form their own rules under the Motor Vehicles Act, 2019, and set a lower limit.

ISRO INKS MOUS WITH DRDO FOR GAGANYAAN

New Delhi: The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Tuesday inked MoUs with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for development of human centric systems for the Gaganyaan project, the Defence Ministry said.

CBI court breather to IPS Rajeev Kumar

Court refuses to pass any order on ex-Kolkata CP's arrest warrant

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

In a partial respite for now "missing" IPS officer, Rajeev Kumar the special CBI court hearing the multi-crore Sharada and other chit fund cases on Tuesday refused to pass any order on the Agency's petition seeking non-bailable arrest warrant citing lack of jurisdiction.

The court at Barasat also refused Kumar's application for anticipatory bail in the same case saying it lacked jurisdiction to grant or not grant anticipatory bails being a trial court and directed the parties to approach the court of District and Sessions Judge.

While the CBI had alleged that the top IPS officer was not only refusing to cooperate with its officials by giving misleading or no answers to specific queries but also he was repeatedly refusing to respond to its summons.

Kumar had appeared before the CBI sleuths at Shillong following a Supreme Court order which had after providing him a temporary shield from arrest directed him to appear before the Agency at a neutral venue outside Bengal.

Subsequently after the Supreme Court withdrew its shield and directed him to move the Calcutta High Court the latter two after providing some initial protections lifted



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the protective cover exposing the senior officer to CBI's chances of arresting him.

Since then Kumar has not been heard off despite repeated CBI's summons notices to appear before it forcing the Agency to move the court of original jurisdiction seeking a non-bailable arrest warrant against him.

Kumar, former Kolkata Commissioner of Police is being probed for his role as the chief of the State Government constituted Special Investigation Team in investigating into the multi-crore Sharada chit fund case.

The CBI has alleged that the senior officer presently functioning as the Additional

Director General of CID was not cooperating with it the investigation process despite Supreme Court and High Court directives.

The Calcutta High Court had on September 13 withdrawn the protection against arrest given the officer and directed him to cooperate with the CBI. Since then he had been at large and the State Government too responding to the letters written by the Central Agency seeking his whereabouts expressed its inability to contact him as his mobile phone and that too of his personal security officer were switched off. Kumar is reportedly on leave till September 25, the Government source said.

Mamata leaves for Delhi, to meet Modi

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Amid scornful remarks from Opposition parties like the BJP and the Left, Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday left for Delhi where she will meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi breaking after an 18-month gap since they last met for a few moments at the convocation of Vishwabharati University.

While Banerjee claimed minutes before leaving for the Capital that meeting the Prime Minister was within her official duty and that the meeting was long overdue "because I have to discuss some matters like pending Central grants, renaming of the State of West Bengal," as also some other issues that may come in between during the conversation.

She is also likely to relate to the Prime Minister the "popular concern regarding steps being taken to privatise Air India, BSNL and even the



Indian Railways," Banerjee said adding "the people often cannot reach him as they don't have that access so they come to us. So I have decided to take this issue with him."

The Chief Minister would not react to the loaded remarks from the Opposition leaders who questioned her sudden decision to meet the Prime Minister at a time when the Central Bureau of Investigation probing the multi-crore Sharada chit fund case was almost on the verge of arresting one of her blue-eyed IPS officers and former Kolkata Commissioner of Police Rajiv Kumar for his alleged role in the investigation of the ponzi scam in 2013 before the Supreme Court finally handed over the case to the CBI.

Banerjee said "all the 365 days I am tied down in Kolkata on account of the huge work load. But the same responsibility demands a visit or two to Delhi where a Chief Minister has to go to get many works done in the interest of the State... This is a constitutional obligation to meet the Prime Minister," irrespective of the

political differences.

The BJP and the Left however took a dig at Banerjee "not for her constitutional obligations as the Chief Minister to meet the Prime Minister but the time of the visit," said senior CPI(M) leader and former MP Samik Lahiri. "Let us see what the outcome of the talks is, particularly at a time when the CBI has zeroed in on Rajiv Kumar for his dubious role in the chit fund investigation," he said.

Questioning the timing of the visit BJP leader and the party's minder for Bengal Kailash Vijabargya said "this is the same Chief Minister who declined the invites of the Central Government to visit Delhi during the Niti Ayog meeting, or the meeting of the Chief Ministers or even the meeting on the education policy. Now suddenly she has been reminded of her responsibilities as a Chief Minister when the CBI is tightening its noose around Rajeev Kumar."

He said, "Mamata Banerjee knows that if Rajeev Kumar is arrested then he will spill the bins and half of her ministerial colleagues will go to jail."

State BJP vice president LP Majumdar scoffed at Banerjee saying "not very long ago the same Chief Minister was telling packed crowds about her designs to tie Narendra Modi with ropes and put him behind the bar and now she is running to him perhaps to save some of her trusted bureaucrats and party men."

Mamata b'day wish to Modi, saree to wife

PNS ■ KOLKATA

Hours before her visit to Delhi, Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday morning wished Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his 69th birthday apart from meeting his wife Jashodaben and gifting her with a saree at NSI Airport in Kolkata.

Banerjee wrote, "Birthday greetings to Prime Minister Narendra Modiji," in the morning and late in the noon when she was waiting at the VIP lounge of the airport before leaving for Delhi she heard about the Prime Minister's wife who was also returning to Gujarat.

The Chief Minister immediately rushed out and met her and demanded a second visit when "I will arrange for a site-seeing." Modi's wife was in Dhanbad and had come to Kolkata enroute to Delhi. She replied in the affirmative when the Chief Minister asked her as to whether she had visited Kalighat and Dakshineswar temples.

Cong unreliable, untrustworthy: Maya

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) Chief Mayawati on Tuesday called the Congress "unreliable" and "untrustworthy" after six of her party MLAs switched over to the grand-old party in Rajasthan.

Mayawati, in a tweet, said, "By poaching BSP MLAs, the Congress has proved that it is an unreliable party. This is a breach of trust even when the BSP was lending its unconditional support to the Congress Government in Rajasthan."

The BSP president said, "Instead of fighting with its arch rivals, the Congress always damages the parties that have helped and supported it.

Hence, Congress is against Dalits, STs and OBCs and has been non-serious about the rights of backward."

She also accused the grand-old-party of being against the principles of Babasaheb Ambedkar, "which is why he had to resign from the post of the country's first law minister."

"The Congress never let Babasaheb go to Lok Sabha and neither was he awarded the Bharat Ratna. This is very shameful and sad," she said.

On Monday night, all six BSP MLAs wrote to state Assembly Speaker CP Joshi to merge the Legislative Party with the Congress. MLAs Rajendra Singh Gudha, Jogendra Singh Awana, Wajib Ali, Lakhn Singh



Meena, Sandeep Yadav and Deepchand said they were merging their legislative party with the Congress. The development came ahead of civic body polls and bypolls to two Assembly seats.

Meanwhile, in another development, after the Allahabad High Court stayed the notification to include 17 OBC groups in the Scheduled Castes list, the BSP president on Tuesday said such government decisions were guided by total selfish political motives but affected the entire society.

She said the move was "most unfortunate." "The news of the high court staying the forcible declaration of 17 OBCs as Scheduled Castes in Uttar Pradesh is naturally in limelight today. Such decisions guided by total selfish political motives do not affect any party/government but the entire society. Most unfortunate," Mayawati tweeted in Hindi.

Only few people opposing Centre's decision to scrap Art 370: BJP minority cell

PTI ■ JAMMU

BJP Minority Morcha National vice-president Nahid Sheikh on Monday said only a "handful of people" are opposing the Centre's decision to scrap Jammu & Kashmir's special status.

"Except a handful of people who are opposing the decision for their own benefit or saving their own skin, the minorities living in Jammu & Kashmir are happy with the decision to nullify Article 370," Sheikh, who is BJP's J&K Minority Morcha in-charge, told reporters here.

She said the minorities are happy with the Centre's decision as they are of the firm belief that their "days of miseries" are over and a new era of real welfare and empowerment will begin, paving way for overall development, progress and prosperity of the State.

"Article 370 has been misused by vested interests for personal benefits for decades together at the cost of welfare of the masses and development," she said without identifying the "vested interests" but apparently referring to the Congress, National Conference and PDP. She said history has been created with the abrogation of this Article, which could only be possible due to the firm will of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP president and Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

"Jammu & Kashmir has now been completely integrated with the rest of the country and the people here will be enjoying all rights and benefits availed by the citizens in other States," Sheikh said. She said the bold decision would attract private sector and full exploration of tourism sector which would result in creation of employment opportunities for the local youth.



National Disaster Response Force personnel speak to flood-affected people in Prayagraj on Tuesday. Heavy monsoon rain have raised water levels of the River Ganga above the danger level, triggering evacuation of thousands of people from flooded homes around the area

Kodela murdered by YSRCP Govt, says Naidu, demands CBI probe

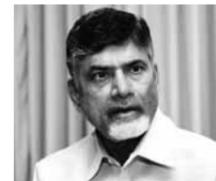
PNS ■ VIJAYAWADA

Former Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has lashed out at the YSRCP stating that it has harassed former Speaker Dr Kodela Siva Prasada Rao mentally, physically and financially by slapping cases on him. Kodela's was a case of murder by the YSRCP Government, he said and demanded a CBI probe into the death.

Naidu said despite the letters sent by Kodela Siva Prasada Rao to take away the furniture, the Government had filed cases after receiving them.

He said on August 20, Kodela had sent a letter and on Narasaraopeta MLA Gopireddy Srinivasa Reddy lodged a complaint two days later. Subsequently, they filed cases against Kodela and his son Kodela Sivaram, he added.

"When he was ready to hand over furniture, what's the need for filing cases against. Is it not harassment? A man who has charge sheets against him for financial frauds worth Rs 43,000 crore, has filed cases against Kodela for furniture worth Rs 2 lakh. They have filed 19 cases against Kodela, including the old ones, which have been reopened now."



Calling Kodela "Palnati Tiger", he said even the police humiliated him by not responding to his appeal. He alleged that all police officials and IAS officers had surrendered to the ruling party.

Crocodile smuggling gang busted in Mumbai

IANIS ■ MUMBAI

In a first for them, the Thane Forest department has busted a gang of crocodile smugglers from Hyderabad and seized two live endangered baby crocodiles, an official said on Tuesday.

Following a tip-off, the unprecedented operation was carried out on Monday, at Borivali East in north-west Mumbai, on the highway, when a team of forest department officials intercepted a tourist bus travelling from Hyderabad to Navi Mumbai in Thane.

"On checking the luggage compartment of the bus, we came across the two baby crocodiles kept in cages. We have seized them and sent them for caretaking, and arrested three persons in connection with the racket. Further investigations are underway," Thane Range Forest Officer Narendra Muthe told IANIS.

He said that these juvenile reptiles — known by their scientific name as 'Crocodylus Palustris' — are estimated to be worth between Rs 1,00,000 to Rs 2,00,000 each in the grey markets.

"However, it is still not clear what is the real reason for smuggling these creatures over such a long distance by road from Hyderabad to Navi



Two baby crocodiles seized by forest officials in Thane on Tuesday

Mumbai, and what will be their ultimate fate," Muthe added.

The 'Crocodylus Palustris' figures on the Red List of Threatened Species of the Switzerland-based International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) since 2014.

The forest department has arrested three persons — the bus driver M Abdul Rahim Hafiz and Shivaji Baglaya, both from Hyderabad, and their associate

Khuddos Latif Baig from Bidar in Karnataka.

They were produced before a Magistrate Court in Borivali and have been remanded to police custody for three days, Muthe said.

Found only in freshwater bodies or marshes of India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Iran, these crocodiles are also known locally as 'muggers'. They have already become

extinct in Bhutan and Myanmar, and the species is likely to have been wiped out even in Bangladesh, according to the IUCN.

The current estimated population of the 'muggers' is between 5,700-8,700 in the wild and are poached for use as food — especially its eggs and meat as delicacies, certain organs for medical purposes, and its skin is used for fashion apparels and accessories, wildlife officials said.

K'aka MLA summoned by ED in Shivakumar case

Bengaluru: Karnataka Congress MLA Laxmi Hebbalkar has been summoned by the Enforcement Directorate to appear before it in connection with the money laundering case against her senior party colleague DK Shivakumar, official sources said on Tuesday.

ED sources said the woman MLA, who represents Belagavi (Rural), has been asked to appear before its officials on September 19 in New

Delhi. Hebbalkar confirmed receipt of the summons and said she had requested the ED to allow her to depose at her residence itself but the agency was yet to respond.

Yes, it is true. They (ED) have given me notice asking me to appear on September 19. I am talking to my advocate," she told PTI.

Shivakumar, arrested by the ED on September 3 in a money laundering case, was on Tuesday remanded in judicial

custody for 14 days till October 1 by a Delhi court.

The former minister was in the ED custody since his arrest. The agency had earlier summoned his daughter Aishwarya in connection with the case.

It had in September last year registered the money laundering case against Shivakumar, Haumanthaiah, an employee at Karnataka Bhavan in New Delhi, and others.

Man convicted of killing 7-year-old after trying to rape her

PTI ■ MUZAFFARNAGAR

A special court on Tuesday held a 30-year-old man guilty of killing a 7-year-old child after trying to rape her nearly three years ago.

Special Judge Sanjiv Kumar Tiwari, trying cases registered under Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences Act, convicted Tanzim of murdering the child in November 2016 in her village.

The court will decide the quantum of sentence to the convict on Wednesday. Prosecution counsel Dinesh Kumar Sharma said the case dated back to November 16, 2016, when Tanzim lured away his neighbour's daughter and tried to rape her at a secluded place.

But as the girl began crying, he bludgeoned her to death and fled the scene, said Sharma. After the girl's parents noticed the child having gone missing, they launched a search for her and found her in a pool of blood near their house in a secluded place, said Sharma, adding the girl was rushed to a hospital but declared "brought dead".

Police later registered a case under section 376 of the Indian Penal Code and sections 3 and 4 of the POCSO.



Police and locals look at the remains of a TAPAS Experimental Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, belonging to Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO), which crashed in a field near Chitradurga test range in Karnataka on Tuesday

Pakistan violates ceasefire along Int'l border in Jammu

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Peace prevailing along the International Border across Jammu frontier was shattered by the Pakistani Rangers in Hiranagar sector of Kathua district by resorting to 'unprovoked' firing for around three hours in the forward areas.

In response, BSF jawans retaliated the fire which continued for about three hours between 1 to 4 pm in the border area.

BSF officials of Jammu frontier claimed, this is the first major incident of ceasefire violation across Jammu frontier this year. By and large peace prevailed in the border area even as Pakistani rangers raised objections to developmental activities in the forward villages falling close to the zero line.

Inspector General of BSF, Jammu Frontier NS Jamwal told The Pioneer, "Pakistani rangers resorted to 'unprovoked' firing in the Hiranagar sector of Kathua on Tuesday between 1 to 4.00 pm."

He said, "Pakistani rangers used small arms firing to target the Indian posts. We retal-

ated the fire in equal measure." He said we are keeping a close watch on the activities of Pakistani rangers. IG, BSF also maintained, no incident of infiltration was reported across Jammu frontier this year.



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When asked whether they established any contact with their Pakistani counterparts, IG BSF clarified, no contact was established with them on Tuesday after the exchange of fire took place on the International border.



Earlier, on July 15, 2019, a suspected Pakistani intruder was killed by the alert BSF jawans in Samba sector when he was trying to sneak inside the Indian territory near SM Pura border outpost.

Meanwhile, no fresh exchange of firing was reported along the Line of Control in Rajouri and Poonch districts till late Tuesday evening.

However, jawans of the Indian Army have been maintaining tight vigil in vulnerable

Lt Gen Ranbir Singh visits Ladakh, witnesses exercise by integrated troops



Lt-Gen Ranbir Singh in Ladakh

areas and non-traditional routes of infiltration to foil repeated infiltration bids by the heavily armed intruders with support from the Pakistan Army regulars.

Recent Intelligence reports claimed, small groups of infiltrators have managed to sneak inside the Indian territory from dormant routes of infiltration

in Rajouri and Poonch sectors in the recent weeks. Meanwhile, Lieutenant General Ranbir Singh, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command on Tuesday witnessed an exercise by integrated troops of all arms and services in Super High Altitude area in Eastern Ladakh. He was briefed on the

conduct of the exercise by Lieutenant General YK Joshi, General Officer Commanding, Fire & Fury Corps. The exercise encompassed employment of mechanised forces with force multipliers integrating high technology platforms.

Complimenting the commanders and troops for the outstanding display of professional competence and war fighting capability in extreme terrain and altitude conditions, Lt Gen Ranbir Singh stated that he was fully confident that Northern Command will continue its legacy of excelling in combat, should a conflict be forced upon the nation. He also remarked that with the induction of new weapon systems and high tech equipment, the capability and lethality of the Indian Army was progressively improving each passing day.

Later, General Bipin Rawat, Chief of Army Staff also visited HQ Fire & Fury Corps and interacted with NK Singh, Chairman and other members of the 15th Finance Commission. The Finance Commission team is in Ladakh Sector as part of their visit to

field formations of the Indian Army to understand the conditions under which troops are operating and assess the requirement of financial outlays to meet the modernisation and infrastructure development requirements of the Army.

During their meeting, General Bipin Rawat highlighted the peculiar terrain, weather and altitude challenges of Ladakh Sector, which require specialised equipment & skills for performing operational tasks.

He also apprised the

Finance Commission that the focus on improving connectivity to the border areas in the recent years had greatly improved the efficacy of the troops deployed along the borders.

Members of the Finance Commission appreciated the dedication and commitment of the Indian Army, while defending the borders of the nation, in such far flung areas. They assured the Indian Army of all support required to discharge their duties effectively.



Security personnel stands guard at a deserted street in Srinagar on Tuesday

Chinmayanand remains under medical observation

No rape FIR yet

PTI ■ SHAHJAHANPUR

BJP leader Swami Chinmayanand, accused of raping a student, remained under medical observation on Tuesday, a day after he complained of uneasiness.

Chinmayanand had complained of uneasiness on Monday after the alleged rape victim got her statement recorded before a magistrate.

A team of three doctors examined the former Union Minister in his ashram after he complained of weakness and fluctuating blood sugar level besides an upset stomach, Dr Gaurav Mishra of a private nursing home here told PTI after visiting the 72-year-old leader.

Chinmayanand, however, has not been shifted to any hospital, he added. Official sources, meanwhile, said the SIT continued with its probe in the matter, but no FIR has been lodged so far against the BJP leader.

The special investigation team probing the case, however, took the alleged rape victim to the court on Monday for recording of her statement before Judicial Magistrate Geetika Singh.

The Supreme Court-appointed SIT had on Sunday examined three friends of the victim besides some employees of her college.

The victim's friends, who were examined, included the



one who was with her when she was traced in Rajasthan after having gone missing last month.

The SIT had called them to the police lines here and recorded their statements, official sources said.

The SIT had also examined principals of the two colleges, besides their two staffers, where the girl studied.

The girl's father on Sunday had termed the leakage of some video footage given by his daughter to the SIT as a "conspiracy" and had said he would request the Supreme Court to order a probe into it.

"From where have the screenshots and videos appeared on social media? The screenshots have been posted on various social media platforms. These were given to the SIT by my daughter. This is a conspiracy," he had said.

All accused in Bettiah gangrape case held

Medical tests show victim minor: Police

PTI ■ PATNA/BETTIAH

All four persons named as accused in the Bettiah gangrape case have been arrested and the complainant, who claimed she was 18 year old, turned out to be a minor, a top police officer said on Tuesday.

Additional Director General of Police, headquarters, Jitendra Kumar, said that the four accused — including two brothers — have allegedly confessed that they had sexual intercourse with the girl last week.

Even if it was with mutual consent it would be deemed an offence since the medical reports of the girl, a former inmate of the infamous

Muzaffarpur shelter home, have put her age between "15 and 17 years", Kumar noted.

A sex scandal had come to light at the Muzaffarpur shelter home in April last year when abuse of the inmates was flagged in a social audit report by Mumbai-based Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

Talking to PTI over phone, Bettiah SP Jayantkant said all four accused named in the FIR — Akash Kumar, Sajan Kumar, Kundan Kumar and Anshu Kumar — have been arrested.

"All of them, including siblings Akash and Sajan, are said to be known to the girl. The victim and the accused reportedly used to visit each other," he

said.

Earlier, the SP had said that the complainant, in her FIR, stated she was raped by the four on Friday in a moving car in Bettiah, the district headquarters of West Champaran.

Jayantkant had also said that the medical examination reports of the girl, who claimed she was 18

years old, showed "no internal or external injury" which was unusual in a case of a sexual assault.

He, however, maintained that the police was "not ruling out anything" as of

now. Talking to reporters in the Bihar capital, the ADG said, "The girl's medical examinations suggest that her age is between 15 and 17 years. During interrogation, the accused have confessed that they had intercourse with the girl. Even if it was with mutual consent, it becomes

immaterial and falls in the category of an offence as the girl is a minor."

He also said police was in search of another unnamed person in connection with the case. "We would like to point

out that there has been some confusion in the social media about the girl. Many people are suggesting that she was among the eight former inmates of the Muzaffarpur shelter home who were recently released and reunited with their families upon a Supreme Court direction. This is wrong," he asserted.

"The girl had gone missing from her home in May last year and found at a railway station in Muzaffarpur. She was kept at the shelter home for a week and shifted to Mokama thereafter. Two months later she was released from the Mokama care unit and handed over to her parents", the ADG clarified.

He, however, declined to divulge more details about the girl, saying "the identity of a sexual offence victim, especially a minor, has to be kept secret. Sharing more information will give it away".

Expressing outrage over the Bettiah incident, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and the National Commission for Women (NCW) had shot off missives to top officials in Bihar.

The NCW, which took suo motu cognizance of the incident, has asked the Director General of Police to treat the case on a priority, while the NHRC has sought a detailed report on the case in four weeks.



Hyderabad-Karnataka region renamed 'Kalyana Karnataka'

PTI ■ BENGALURU

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"It has been a long standing demand to rename Hyderabad-Karnataka as Kalyana Karnataka. With God's grace at the time when I'm the Chief Minister of the state, I'm declaring Hyderabad-Karnataka as Kalyana Karnataka. There is a festive atmosphere in the six districts of the region," Yeddyurappa told reporters at Kalaburagi.

The Chief Minister said a separate secretariat would be

set up for the development of Kalyana Karnataka, through which funds would be released for developmental work.

All other formalities relating to the renaming would follow in consultation with the centre, he said. Assuring more funds for the all round development of the Kalyana Karnataka region, Yeddyurappa said there may be financial issues this time due to floods in several parts of the State, but more funds would be allocated for development in the next budget.

Use of AI to boost tourism in India

IANS ■ KOCHI

A major international summit where next week will take up use of artificial intelligence (AI) and other technologies in the tourism industry.

For the two-day event, which will start on September 26, the Kerala Tourism is partnering the Association of Tourism Trade Organisations India (ATTOI).

Among the 500 participants from across the world will be Hannes Losch, known for intelligent analytics and business intelligence solutions.



PK Anish Kumar, convenor of the event, said AI had made travel more convenient. It's use allowed travellers to opt last-minute vacation planning, he added. The event will see

convergence of owners of hotels and resorts, online tourism marketing managers and tour operators, who is expected to be the biggest beneficiary of new technology.

People from 5 Maha villages seek merger with T

PTI ■ HYDERABAD

Attracted by the welfare schemes being implemented here, a section of people from five villages in bordering Nanded district, Maharashtra, has expressed a desire to merge them with Telangana.

The people and elected representatives of various political parties have also decided to contest the forthcoming Assembly polls in Maharashtra with the merger demand, the villagers informed the Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao, an official Press statement said on Tuesday.

"People, including elected representatives from villages spread over five legislative



Assembly segments from the bordering Nanded district in Maharashtra, are in an agitational mood demanding the

State Government to either implement the welfare schemes of Telangana State in their villages also or allow their villages to be merged with Telangana," the release from the Chief Minister's office said.

The leaders from Nalgao, Bhokar, Degloor, Kinwat and Hathgaon Assembly segments, who met Rao, sought his support for their agitation and informed that they were ready to contest on the TRS party tickets if allotted.

The people informed that many Telangana Government schemes such as the Rs 10,000 financial assistance per acre per year under the Rythu Bandhu, Rs 2016 per month pension, 24-hour uninterrupted free and

quality power, Kalyan Laxmi, KCR kits and clothes distribution during the festivals were not available for the Maharashtra people, the release said.

In the past, 40 villages in Dharmabad taluk in the neighbouring State had passed a resolution demanding their merger with the Telangana. Responding to the resolution, the Maharashtra Government had then declared Rs 40-crore grant for these villages, but the assistance was yet to be released.

Rao said the demand of people for implementation of welfare schemes like ones in the Telangana was rational and hoped that the Maharashtra Government will accede to the demand.

SEARCH FOR MISSING



Bhau Devi

General public is here by informed that this female (depicted in the photo) namely: **Bhau Devi W/o Sh. Dev Nath Jha R/o Jhuggi No. 101/8, CD-Park, Jhangir Puri, Delhi** is missing since 28.08.2019. In this regard a DD No. 101-A dated 28.08.2019 has been lodged at PS. Jhangir Puri, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the female but no clue has come to light so far.

Her physical description is as under:-
Sex: Female, **Age:** 75 years, **Height:** 4' ft., **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Build:** Medium, **Wearing:** Green Sharee and Red Blouse and Hawai Chappal in feet.
 Any person is having information or clue about this missing/kidnapped female may kindly inform to the following:-
SHO
Website: http://cbi.nic.in **P.S. Jhangir Puri, Delhi**
E-mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in **Ph.:** 011-27631600, 27636000
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 **Mob.:** 8750870229
Fax No.: 011-24368639 **DP/9360/NW/19**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male **Age : 50 years, Height : 5'3", Complexion : Fair,** wearing blue colour shirt and pant, was found unconscious on 08.09.2019 in the area of P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi. He admitted in LNJP Hospital, during the treatment he died. In this regard a DD No. 16-A dated 08.09.2019 u/s 174 Cr.P.C. has been lodged at P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi. The Deadbody has been preserved for identification in the mortuary of LNJP Hospital, Delhi

Any person having any information or clue about this found person may kindly inform to the following:-
SHO : P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi
Tel. No. 011-23953776

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DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II, DELHI

DELHI 4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI- 110001
 O.A. No. 517 of 2019

The under mentioned Asset will be sold through auction on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for recovery of dues, in the matter of ICICI BANK LTD V/s AHMEDABAD BENGAL ROADWAYS PVT. LTD.
 Item no. 20
 21.08.2019
Present: Mr. Punit K. Bhalla along with Mr. Rakesh Singh, Ld. Counsels appears for applicant bank.
Mr. Dimple Arora, Ld. counsel appears for defendant no. 1.
 I.A. No. 1844/19 is filed by the applicant bank seeking direction to the garnishee for depositing the amount payable to defendant no. 1. In the circumstances urged in the application that an amount of Rs. 2,30,71,383.59 is due. At this stage, the Ld. Counsel for defendant no. 1 request time to file reply.

Model	Reg No	Asset	Reserve Price	EMD
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2013	HR55S7390	AL 2516	600000	60000
2013	HR55S8240	AL 2516	600000	60000
2013	HR55S8241	AL 2516	500000	50000
2013	HR55S9135	AL 2516	600000	60000
2013	HR55S9136	AL 2516	500000	50000
2013	HR55S9477	AL 2516	600000	60000

2. **Date and Time of Auction:** 23 September, 2019 Time: 2:00 PM To 3:00 PM

3. **Auction Venue:** ABR Yard, Behind Park Inn hotel, Binola Manesar, Haryana, NH-8, Pin Code- 122051.

5. **Manager:** Awansh Arunakar (8826893208) and Kovid Bhatnagar (9643806761)

Terms of Sale
 The particulars of the said asset specified herein above have been stated to the best of the information and knowledge of the undersigned, who shall however not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The interested participant/s are therefore requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself / themselves / itself with regard to the said asset and other relevant details pertaining to it before submitting the bids. Interested bidders shall be required to deposit an Earnest Amount mentioned above against the respective vehicle by way of pay order/ Demand Draft payable at Delhi and in favour of ICICI Bank Ltd, Delhi. Successful highest bidder shall have to deposit balance amount within 5 days from the approval shared with them. In Case of failure to deposit the amount as mentioned above, the amount of Earnest Money deposited shall be forfeited. Interested participant/s are requested to participate 23 September, 2019 for physical auction or call Bank Manager Awansh Arunakar (8826893208) and Kovid Bhatnagar (9643806761)

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Farooq, now a threat

Holding the NC leader and former CM under a draconian Act will undo any points the govt might claim on Kashmir



If the Government indeed wants to make an example of Kashmiri politicians, who have traded loyalties on either side of the LoC for their political relevance and continuity, then it would be advised to expose such deliberate acts on facts. Holding former Chief Minister and National Conference (NC) leader Farooq Abdullah under the Public Safety Act (PSA) certainly won't achieve that purpose, considering he no longer has "high visibility" value. For normal Kashmiris, he is a recipient of much hatred and abuse. They believe he shortchanged them by choosing to

accede with a secular and democratic India and lost the only marker of autonomy they had courtesy Article 370. Now, not only that is gone, the former State has been reduced to a Union Territory. So Kashmiris are questioning his family legacy of standing by India. For New Delhi, he may have been the moderate face and an asset but one that's not needed, given the endorsement of Jammu and Kashmir's (J&K) special status both at home and the world. Therefore, Abdullah's inescapable need to question the abrogation of Article 370 and appear an activist Kashmiri is more than an irritant, it is an obstacle in the new narrative. His suggestions of a negotiated autonomy for the two sides of Kashmir and converting LoC into a soft border for trade and commerce to flourish seem misplaced when all talk is about righting historical wrongs and reclaiming territories in that context rather than addressing current realities. Yet one must remember his worth through the decades of conflict. He acted as a filter and as Chief Minister did manage to keep militancy in check, give some semblance of credibility to the election process and had a pan-India acceptability. At 81, and suffering from kidney ailments, he certainly doesn't pose such a threat as to be booked under a tough law meant to be used against terrorists. Apparently, the idea is to prevent him from participating in a rally planned by Opposition leaders ahead of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) session next week. Does a former Chief Minister, democratically elected and for years nurtured as an asset by the Centre, be suddenly disowned as a troublemaker under a draconian law? One which doesn't allow him to be tried before two years? All this has happened despite him and son Omar Abdullah meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi earlier and hours before the Supreme Court was to take up a habeas corpus petition by MDMK chief Vaiko seeking to know the whereabouts of his "friend." Considering that Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad has been allowed to visit four J&K districts — Srinagar, Jammu, Baramullah and Anantnag — to meet people but not hold any political rally and that CPI(M) leader Mohd Yousuf Tarigami has been allowed back in, Abdullah's detention reeks of chicanery and intrigue, not of vision. For he may be a spent force but people, who have invested in the idea of India at his call, will only see this as betrayal and recede into separatist ways.

True Abdullah, and his son Omar, have failed to deliver to both New Delhi and their people but both have sworn by the Constitution and neutralised the shrill cries of *azaadi*. And if the peace-makers are suddenly seen as deal-breakers and made the fall guys, then we are unwittingly drawing the world's attention back to the human rights situation in Kashmir, the lockdown and the political and economic morass. Dangerously enough, our justification for reorganising Kashmir may not seem all that worthy. If the Government is not even able to restore normal lives despite its heavy-duty security presence, crackdowns and an information blockade, then there will only be a flood of questions on its intent to engage with people, convince them of their stakeholderhood and erect an alternative political matrix that's more responsive to its concerns. For that to happen, people must be heard and allowed to speak. Also, leaders like Sajjad Lone, whom the Centre was at one time keen on grooming as its "enabler", continue to be detained too. The common Kashmiri, hedged in by the politics of the terror economy, knows that abrogation of Article 370 doesn't mean much on the ground as the State was anyway being run like a Union Territory for some time. But locals still want that reconciliation with honour, dignity and justice, not arbitrary impositions and demotions. Abdullah's detention is so not clever as it emaciates the political will to treat J&K as a serious matter. It's not an extension counter of Central whim.

Unsafe cities

Delhi, Mumbai slide down in a global report on security and liveability, fall behind Asian counterparts



Considering that both Mumbai and Delhi could be counted in the race to be desirable world cities, both are considered grossly unsafe, according to the Economist Intelligence Unit, which ranks 60 countries worldwide across indicators, including digital, infrastructure, health and personal security. In the context of safety, Mumbai and Delhi ranked 37 and 41 respectively on the parameter of personal security and 45 and 52 overall. That is a large dollop of dampener considering that for all our pretension to becoming an Asian powerhouse, cities in the Asia-Pacific region have bagged six of the top 10 spots. Tokyo continues to be the numero uno for the third year in a row as Singapore and Osaka take second and third places. In contrast and worryingly so, Delhi actually slid callously down the ladder, falling nine places from its 43rd position in 2017 to the 52nd position in just two years. According to data released by the Delhi police itself, the total number of heinous crime cases registered till August 31 was 2,00,485, much higher than last year's 1,57,462 cases. Mumbai, too, which witnessed the first dip in the past decade in 2017, registered 21 per cent more rapes and murders last year. If that was not all, both our cities had a poor track record on environmental and health security, pollution being the biggest bottleneck. The less said about infrastructure security the better, both cities scoring low on the road safety index. And as far as population growth is concerned, Delhi's planners, who in 2014 were expected to address needs of 6.7 million more residents between 2020 and 2030, have actually allowed that figure to swell to 8.7 million.

It's not that we didn't envision the parameters; our smart cities project was all about developing liveability indices, a vision which has failed miserably in execution. In fact, if pursued correctly, some of India's newer cities could have well made it higher up on the list. The Tokyo model needs to be emulated as it is one of the most populous cities in the world with an intense demand on its resources. Yet it scored well on almost all parameters — be it its low crime rate and improving the quality of life by banning diesel cars. Clearly, city governments have taken tough decisions and stood by them. One parameter where the Asia-Pacific region lags behind is on digital security and it is here where our cities could score by using technology for traffic management and personal safety. Also, we need responsive city governments that work with the citizenry rather than hide-bound bureaucracy, instill pride by making legislative bodies more representative and provisioning for responsible elected officials.

Message for a violent world

Gandhian beliefs need to be spread to not only eliminate emerging conflicts but also arrest the wanton destruction of nature and the ecosystems of this planet



RK PACHAURI

It is a tragic irony that the worst act by terrorists involving wanton killing of innocent people in recent times took place on September 11, 2001, when two hijacked planes were deployed to kill over 3,000 people on the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center, New York, while another one targeted the Pentagon and yet another crashed in Pennsylvania. Just three weeks later after that dastardly act, we commemorate the birth anniversary of the greatest human being to ever have practised non-violence, Mahatma Gandhi. This year, of course, marks a special occasion when Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary would be celebrated.

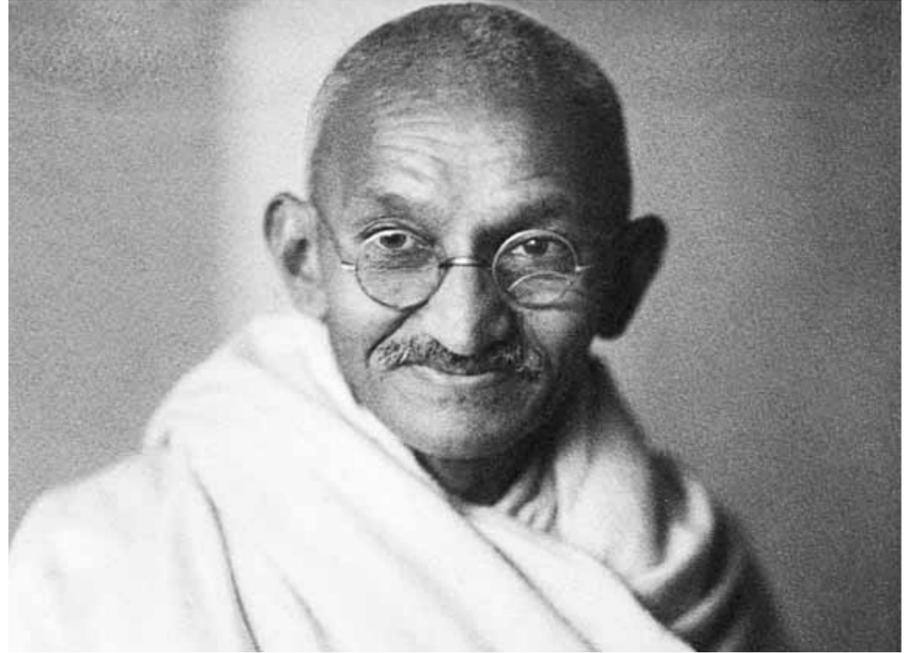
Gandhian philosophy represents a perfect integration of non-violence, non-exploitation of one community by another and respect for all human beings and other species with whom we share the planet earth. His views on these subjects are best explained by the following quotation: "Public opinion alone can keep a society pure and healthy...I claim that human mind or human society is not divided into watertight compartments called social, political and religious. All act and react upon one another...Human society is a ceaseless growth, an unfolding in terms of spirituality...ill-digested principles are, if anything, worse than ill-digested food, for the latter harms the body and there is a cure for it, whereas the former ruins the soul and there is no cure for it...It is the law of love that rules mankind. Had violence, ie, hate, ruled us, we should have become extinct long ago. And yet, the tragedy of it is that the so-called civilised men and nations conduct themselves as if the basis of society was violence."

The holistic nature of Gandhian emphasis on non-violence was expressed eloquently by his emphasis on the need for human beings not exploiting other human beings and the essential need for them, not in any way considering themselves superior to other forms of life. Here again, Gandhiji was very direct in two comments that he conveyed.

"A society can be judged by the way it treats its animals."

"It is an arrogant assumption to say that human beings are lords and masters of the lower creatures. On the contrary, being endowed with greater things in life, they are the trustees of the lower animal kingdom."

Most importantly, Gandhiji's concept of non-violence extended directly to human society, not in any way inflicting major damage to the ecosystems of this planet and resources, which nature provides us and on which all life survives and endures. Today, the material demands of human society are resulting in extensive damage to the earth's biodiversity, the growing dangers and risks from human-induced climate change and major pollution of the oceans, which will have serious consequences not only for life



under water but also extensively on large areas of land.

There is a section of public opinion today which seems to believe that perhaps nothing can be done to solve some of these problems simply because human society is too far gone to be able to retreat in the direction of reduced demand for goods and services.

There is now mounting evidence from all over the world on the expanding footprint of human society on the earth's ecosystems. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken up the challenge of reducing single-use plastic in this country because we have blindly emulated the developed nations, which are responsible for the mounting waste of various kinds, based on the growing demand for material goods and products.

It is for this reason scientists like Paul J Crutzen have described the current period that we are going through as one of the anthropocene as opposed to the geological age Holocene, which began 11,700 years ago. Gandhiji was absolutely right when he said: "The incessant search for material comforts and their multiplication is evil. I make bold to say that the Europeans will have to remodel their outlook if they are not to perish under the weight of the comforts to which they are becoming

slaves."

For almost 50 years, human activities have increasingly exceeded the bio-capacity of ecosystems to absorb the expanding footprint of our activities. There is, therefore, the need for a radical shift by which a rapid and decisive change is brought into the devastating consumerist culture dominating modern society, which would ultimately lead to unacceptable risks in the future and exploitation by some, as was the case with colonialism.

We are already seeing signs of domination by vested interests of countries and communities by the rich and powerful seeking benefits of assured supply of raw materials, energy and rare minerals from other locations, almost in a colonial relationship. There is, therefore, an imperative for human society to move towards Gandhian principles, which, quite apart from shunning violence of one community versus another, proscribe violence used against nature and its attributes, which sustain life for all species on earth.

In actual fact, it is clearly the desire by human beings to expand material wants and the power associated with it which in some form or the other leads to violence all around. It is tragic that in the 21st century, there are still prosperous nations and groups, which are financ-

ing terrorist activities, the worst example of which leaves us with a continuing sense of horror from the events of September 11, 2001.

It appears that the global community, including the United Nations, has been largely ineffective in curbing violence in several regions of the world. The war in Yemen continues to kill innocent human beings, including children. The conflict in Syria, despite the involvement of some big powers, has not led to any movement towards peace, even as ceasefire after ceasefire is violated. In our own neighbourhood, the Taliban continues to attack innocent individuals in Afghanistan, clearly encouraged and funded by the army of another country in our neighbourhood.

Overall, Gandhian beliefs and principles are required to be spread worldwide not only to eliminate conflict within the narrow prism of one community or one nation imposing violence against another but also in respect of our wanton destruction of nature and the ecosystems of this planet. India, as the nation to which Gandhiji gave so much, has a deep global responsibility to carry his message to the rest of the world, particularly on his 150th birth anniversary.

(The writer is former chairman, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2002-15)

“IT IS TRAGIC THAT IN THE 21ST CENTURY THERE ARE STILL PROSPEROUS NATIONS AND GROUPS WHICH ARE FINANCING TERRORIST ACTIVITIES, THE WORST EXAMPLE OF WHICH LEAVES US WITH A CONTINUING SENSE OF HORROR FROM THE EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001”

SOUNDBITE

The situation in Kashmir is bad not because of the people of Kashmir but because of all of us politicians and politics.



CPI(M) leader —Mohd Yousuf Tarigami

If you've not seen the product and are already writing it off, it's not right. But if you see my work and still don't like it, you're entitled to your opinion.



Actor —Karan Deol

There's no need to worry much beyond a point about what people will say on Kashmir. India's position on its internal issues has prevailed and will prevail.



External Affairs Minister —S Jaishankar

Saffron-clad people are selling *churan* and committing rapes. Is it our religion? God will not pardon those who have defamed our *sanatan dharma*.



Congress leader —Digvijaya Singh

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Respect languages

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Not Hindi *hain hum*" (September 17). Union Home Minister Amit Shah's pitch for Hindi as a national language because it is the "heart and soul of our freedom struggle" should have been best avoided because it is beset with strongly divisive attitudes, especially in the South where the earlier anti-Hindi agitations had disturbed a hornet's nest. By seeking to thrust Hindi down the throat of millions, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) would be committing a grave act of indiscretion.

Any imposition would arouse a fresh round of anti-North hatred that the Centre must guard against. Our linguistic chauvinism and respective lingual ethnocentrism will hardly let us accept Hindi as the language of the country.

English has ceased to be a foreign language. Even the British have ceded exclusive rights over the English language. What is certain is that no language — indeed, nothing — can be imposed from the top. In reality, it is not even needed. Even

India will do well to emulate Belgium

This refers to the editorial, "Not Hindi *hain hum*" (September 17). Even before the controversy over the draft National Education Policy (NEP)'s pitch for the implementation of the three-language formula in schools could die down, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has opened a can of worms by advancing the theory of "one nation, one language." Shah's appeal has miffed the Southern States. As it is, India is inhabited by descendants of two distinct streams — ancestral north Indians and ancestral south Indians — who, in the modern context, have varied cultures and speak different languages. One is yet to hear of a cogent and convincing assertion about any additional element in Hindi that is not seen in other languages in the Schedule-VIII of the Constitution of India. This distinguishes it as a catalyst of growth and a unifying factor.

That the number of people speaking Hindi is more is certainly not the essential criterion for it to be anointed as the national language. Therefore, excessive activism to establish the paramountcy of Hindi is destined to backfire with unpredictable consequences unfolding. Bernard Shaw's humorous comment, "England and America are two countries separated by



the same language", is a reaffirmation of the fallacy about unity without affection. Belgium, a country of just 11 million people with three distinct regions, Flemish, Walloon and Brussels Capital, has three official languages — Dutch, French and German — but the country itself is neither bilingual nor multi-lingual. India could well be in the league of Belgium for good.

Haridasan Rajan
Kozhikode

Saudi crisis

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "War clouds" (September 17). West Asia is yet again in the grip of hysteria with rebels in Yemen attacking Saudi oil infrastruc-

structure.

The development has sent alarm bells for a possible war on Iran by the US because the latter believes that the drone strike was carried out by the rebels with support from Iran. It is an open secret that Houthi rebels

are being fed by Iran for long. Yemen is Saudi Arabia's neighbouring country and has been ravaged by civil war for long.

Houthi rebels have been battling against the Yemen regime backed by Saudi Arabia and the US. So the attack on the Saudi oil facilities is only a natural extension of Houthi rebels' vendetta against Saudi Arabia.

Iran has always cocked a snook at the US. Now Iran's elite revolutionary guard force has said that it is prepared for a "full-scale war" and that their missiles could hit bases in the US and ships within a range of 2,000 km. Anything may happen anytime. This could be disastrous for the entire world.

The drone attack on the Saudi oil facilities made the authorities in Saudi Arabia slash the oil production by half and consequently, oil prices have been gone up. For India, the fallout will be unbearable as a spike in oil prices will upset the common man's budget.

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FIRST COLUMN

Time to up the game

India is losing to China in the fight to woo Myanmar, the latest geo-economic battleground, says **Rupesh Dutta**

In the last five years, India has achieved notable success in strengthening relations with its immediate neighbours, Sri Lanka and Nepal. However, the other major economy in the region, China, is determined to emerge as the winner in the ongoing geo-economic clash with India and Myanmar has become the latest battleground. China has overtaken India in terms of pumping in money and finalising massive infrastructure projects in the tiny country's economy. This comes despite India's all-out efforts to boost its Act East Policy. Myanmar, whose political transition to a free democratic system is less than four years old, is in dire need of foreign investment to shun the tag of an "underdeveloped economy." While India has been sluggish in its approach to invest in Myanmar, China has grabbed the opportunity by wooing Aung San Suu Kyi, the Buddhist nation's State Counsellor, a position akin to a prime minister, with lucrative trade offers. Myanmar, has swallowed the Chinese investment bait hook, line and sinker.

According to Myanmar's Directorate of Investment and Company Administration, between 1988 and 2011, India invested a paltry \$763.567 million as compared to China's whopping \$20,566 million. In 2014-15, Indian investment was \$208.886 million against China's \$511.415 million and in 2015-16 it was \$224.223 million against Beijing's \$3,324 million. In 2016-2017, New Delhi invested nothing and China pumped in \$482.591 million.

Similarly, India invested \$10,993 million against China's \$1,396.219 million in 2017-18, followed by New Delhi's \$19.925 million against Beijing's \$304.732 million in 2018-19. Year after year, Chinese investments were more than 200 per cent of that by India which even restricted its funding during the power transition from the 'Tatmadaw' (armed forces) to a democratic set up in 2015.

Significantly, the Beijing-led Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is considering providing \$20 million to Myanmar for the development, construction and operation of a Greenfield 225 MW Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) power plant in Mandalay. It will be the largest gas-fired Independent Power Producer (IPP) in Myanmar, producing much-needed clean energy to meet the power deficit.

Furthermore, a master plan for a Chinese-backed, model economic zone along the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC) has been prepared and the Suu Kyi Government is engaged in discussions for its implementation. The Myitkyina Economic Development Zone (MEDZ) is also in the pipeline and a pact was signed between Myanmar and the Chinese Yunnan Tengchong Heng Yong Investment Company for its implementation. The MEDZ is likely to come up in approximately 4,700 acres of land along the historic Ledo Road, built during the World War II and used by the Allies to deliver supplies to China which was fighting the Japanese forces. It was an overland connection between Ledo, in Assam and Kunming in China's Yunnan Province. The MEDZ expected to cost over \$400 million, will include nearly 500 factories and 5,000 buildings.

On the other hand, India has fallen short in its plans for Myanmar's infrastructural development. New Delhi must realise that its inability to engage with Naypyitaw will spell doom for its Act East Policy as Myanmar is the bridge linking India with South-East Asia. Sadly, most projects have remained on paper and others are likely to miss deadlines. For instance, New Delhi had funded and implemented a project to develop the deepwater Sittoung Port in Rakhine State to handle 20,000-tonne vessels by dredging the River Kaladan from Sittoung to Paletwa (a 158-km long stretch) to improve its navigability. It also involved building an inland terminal at Paletwa and constructing a 29-km-long highway linking Paletwa to the Indian border. However, the project is running behind schedule and has faced various hurdles.

Similarly, the Narendra Modi Government had cleared a ₹6,167 crore upgrade of a 352-km National Highway in Mizoram to improve connectivity to Myanmar. However, the project has been in a limbo for the last couple of years despite the contracts being awarded.

Moreover, Beijing supported the Myanmar Government during the ethnic crisis in its Rakhine province, saying it understands the country's "security concern" even when the rest of the world termed the clashes as ethnic cleansing and has since called for the repatriation of Rohingyas.

This was the opposite of what the Modi Government did, as it not only remained neutral but also constructed 250 pre-fabricated houses in Myanmar, indicating its tacit support for the repatriation of the Rohingyas to Myanmar. India's relations with Myanmar in the last couple of years have improved significantly and the cooperation between the two governments has increased, especially when it comes to sharing intelligence.

This in particular, is a boon for India, given the fact that the majority of armed extremist groups from its northeastern states have their camps on the Myanmar side of the border. India should be fully aware that to crush such forces, it will need the support of the Myanmar Government.

The Modi Government must consolidate its image as a caring neighbour who does not believe in economic adventurism like China. It must also make larger investments in Myanmar not only to check Beijing's rising regional dominance but also not to lose an immediate neighbour which has a buffer status vis-à-vis China.

(The writer is a senior journalist)

INSTEAD OF FIGHTING ITS OPPOSING PARTIES, THE CONGRESS IS HURTING PARTIES WHO SUPPORT IT. THIS IS A BETRAYAL OF THE BSP MOVEMENT. —BAHUJAN SAMAJ PARTY SUPREMO MAYAWATI

POINT COUNTERPOINT



MLAS CONSIDERED THE SITUATION AND FEELINGS OF THE PEOPLE AND THAT IS WHY THEY JOINED US. WE DID NOT PUT ANY PRESSURE ON THEM. —RAJASTHAN CHIEF MINISTER ASHOK GEHLOT

The need of the hour

To mitigate environmental risks, we have to make costly adaptations. Nations need funds for this, making climate finance a vital resource



HIMA BINDU KOTA

Every nation and individual is exposed to the risks of climate change and we have to make several adaptations to mitigate them. These largescale measures are costly. So nations need funds to implement them, making climate finance a vital necessity. Such a resource pool seeks to raise local, national or trans-national funds drawn from public, private and alternative sources. Recognising that it may be out of scope and capacity of several countries to initiate climate change measures, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement call for financial help from parties with more resources to those that are less endowed and vulnerable.

In accordance with the principle of "common but differentiated responsibility and respective capabilities" set out in the convention, developed countries are to provide financial resources to assist developing nations in implementing the objectives of the UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change). The pact reaffirms the obligations of developed countries while encouraging voluntary contributions by parties.

Developed country parties should also continue to take the lead in mobilising climate finance from various sources, instruments and channels, through a variety of actions, including supporting country-driven strategies and taking into account the needs and priorities of developing country parties. Such mobilisation of climate finance should represent a progression beyond previous efforts. Overall, efforts under the Paris Agreement are guided by its aim of making finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development.

Setting up of funds: A financial mechanism, which also serves the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement, was set up to provide financial resources to developing countries by entrusting one or more existing international entities. Since the Convention came into existence in 1994, the Global Environment Facility (GEF) has served as an operating entity of the financial mechanism. At the Conference of Parties (COP) 16, in 2010, parties established the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and in 2011 also designated it as an operating entity of the financial mechanism.

This module is accountable to the COP, which decides on its policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria for funding. In addition, three more special funds have been established — the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) and the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF), both managed by the GEF; and the Adaptation Fund (AF) established under the Kyoto Protocol in 2001. At the Paris Climate Change Conference in 2015, it was agreed that the operating entities of GCF, GEF, SCCF and the LDCF shall serve the Paris Agreement.

A Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) was established at COP 16 to assist it in exercising its functions in relation to the financial mechanism of the Convention. Currently, the SCF has four specific functions: assisting the COP in improving coherence and coordination in the delivery of climate change financing; assisting in rationalisation of the financial mechanism of the UNFCCC; supporting it in the mobilisation of resources for climate financing; and supporting it in reporting and verification of support provided to developing country parties.

“ TO REALISE THE POTENTIAL FOR GREATER AND MORE EFFECTIVE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE, GIVEN THE DIVERSE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ACTORS ENGAGED IN CLIMATE FINANCE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL, THERE ARE LESSONS TO BE LEARNT BY INDIA ON HOW TO ENGAGE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE FINANCE ARCHITECTURE AND THE EMERGING GCF IN PARTICULAR ”



The committee is also tasked with organising an annual forum on climate finance, provide the COP with draft guidance for operating entities, provide expert inputs during periodic reviews of the mechanism and prepare a biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows. Furthermore, the SCF is designed to improve linkages and promote coordination with climate finance related actors and initiatives both within and outside the Convention. At the Paris Conference in 2015, it was decided that the SCF shall also serve the Paris Agreement.

In addition, the long-term finance process is aimed at progressing on the mobilisation and scaling up of climate finance of resources originating from a wide variety of sources. The COP decided on the following activities until 2020: organisation by the secretariat of annual in-session workshops; developed countries providing, on a biennial basis, information on strategies and approaches for scaling up climate finance and convening of biennial high-level ministerial dialogue on climate finance. Through the Cancun Agreements in 2010, developed countries committed, in the context of meaningful mitigation actions and transparency on implementation, to a goal of mobilising jointly \$100 billion per year by 2020 to address the needs of developing countries.

When adopting the Paris Agreement, parties confirmed this goal, called for a concrete roadmap to achieve the goal by 2020 and agreed that prior to 2025, the COP shall set a new collective quantified goal of over \$100 billion per year.

India's position on climate finance: Since India is quite susceptible to the impacts of climate change, it is a huge challenge for us. Given its unique and distinct topography, variations in climate remain a steady feature and any changes

in climate are likely to worsen the existing pressure on various sectors. With a growing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission profile, India is currently the third-largest discharger of GHGs globally, after China and the USA. However, according to a 2014 World Bank report, India's per capita GHG emanations remain extremely low at 1.7 metric tonnes (MT) of carbon dioxide (CO₂) per capita, as compared to China at 6.2 MT and USA at 17.6 MT.

Moreover, according to the Press Information Bureau 2009(b) report on emissions, it has been estimated that even by 2031, India's per capita GHG emissions (likely to remain 4 MT of CO₂ per capita) will continue to be lower than the global per capita GHG emissions in 2005 (4.22 MT of CO₂ per capita).

Climate finance entered the dictionary of the official establishment with the release of the Economic Survey 2011-12, which contained for the first time a chapter on *Sustainable Development and Climate Change* and a dedicated section on *Climate Change Finance* and provided an overview of various domestic and international sources of finance, as well as private finance sources. An estimated ₹230,000 crore was provided as the amount needed to fulfil the mission objectives under the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) in the subsequent Economic Survey of 2012-13.

The Government responded by setting up the Climate Change Finance Unit (CCFU) in September 2011. In spite of the creation of the CCFU, there is no formal coordination mechanism around climate finance. As a result multiple processes for financing thrive within the country including the Centre, States, private sector and civil society actors, all playing significant roles in low emission and climate-resilient development.

Due to the well-defined national climate policy, climate-related finance is

available through a variety of domestic, international, public and private sources. Domestic resources in India can be broadly divided into public climate finance and private climate finance. Public finance comprises budgetary support, taxes, subsidies and other market mechanisms. Private finance usually comprises clean development mechanism finance, debt instruments, equity finance and partial risk guarantee facilities. To realise the potential for greater and more effective action on climate change, given the diverse public and private actors engaged in climate finance at the national level, there are lessons to be learnt by India on how to engage with the international climate finance architecture, and the emerging GCF in particular. India can develop a long-term, coherent strategy around climate finance, by interfacing ongoing efforts on mitigation and adaptation with the emerging financial arrangements.

It would also be worthwhile to think of ways in which India could develop new, transformative ideas with a high mitigation or adaptation potential and use GCF financing to unlock a range of domestic financing and implementation capacity around such efforts. India needs to debate on the "readiness" for climate finance.

It has to identify and link existing pipelines of projects to the financial channels that have emerged, both domestically and through international flows. It has to create a new pipeline of domestically-owned projects that could seek international finance for their transformative potential.

To achieve this, several Government departments will need to work closely together not just on climate policy issues but also on operational questions around how to prioritise action.

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Will Modi bite the UCC bullet?

'One nation, one law' is a necessity and the sooner the Uniform Civil Code comes, the better, though it is a sensitive issue and should be handled delicately by having more public debates and discussions



KALYANI SHANKAR

Will Prime Minister Narendra Modi go for a Uniform Civil Code (UCC), particularly after being prompted by the Supreme Court (SC) last week?

Right now several of the religious communities in India follow their own personal laws. Under the UCC, all personal religious laws in the country, including marriage, divorce, property rights, inheritance and maintenance will be brought under a secular umbrella in a unified way.

The apex court batted for the UCC, pointing out that the founding fathers who framed the Constitution had hoped that the

State would bring in such a code.

Justice Deepak Gupta said, "Though Hindu laws were codified in the year 1956, there has been no attempt to frame a Uniform Civil Code applicable to all citizens of the country despite exhortations. A belief seems to have gained ground that it is for the Muslim community to take a lead in the matter of reforms of their personal law. No community is likely to bell the cat by making gratuitous concessions on this issue. It is the State which is charged with the duty of securing a Uniform Civil Code for the citizens of the country and, unquestionably, it has the legislative competence to do so."

Citing the case of Goa, where a UCC is applicable to all, regardless of religion, except while protecting certain limited rights, the court asked why the Centre has not brought an UCC as yet.

The SC's observation has strengthened the Modi Government's resolve to bring the UCC, which is part of the core agen-

da of the Sangh Parivar. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has also managed to nuance its narrative by adding the issue of gender equality.

The BJP's argument is that though Hindu laws were codified in 1956, there is no law applicable to all citizens of the country even after seven decades of Independence.

India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, while defending the introduction of the Hindu Code Bill in Parliament in 1954, said, "I do not think that at the present moment the time is ripe in India for me to try to push it through." Today Modi has the mandate and the ability as well as willingness to bring the UCC for the benefit of the country.

Taking advantage of the weak and divided Opposition, the Prime Minister has already pushed through two controversial Bills in Parliament, the Triple Talaq and the abrogation of Article 370, in his second term despite not having a majority in the Rajya Sabha. The

Ram temple issue is in court.

Though the Law Commission in its report last year said that the UCC is "neither necessary nor desirable at this stage", the party promised to bring the UCC in its 2019 manifesto.

However, the immediate priority of the Government is to deal with the economic situation and Kashmir. There is trouble in the Northeast on the National Register of Citizens (NRC).

Then there are elections to three State Assemblies, Maharashtra, Haryana and Jharkhand soon. Therefore, the work on the UCC could be taken up after that.

Supporters of the UCC argue that it is long overdue. The issue was discussed during the Constituent Assembly debates where BR Ambedkar was batting for it, but many Constituent Assembly members shot it down. Thus it was added to Part IV of the Constitution as one of the Directive Principles of State policy.

Second, Modi's vision of a New India is also a young India with 65

per cent of the population under the age of 25 years. These young people are influenced by global views and would appreciate the UCC. Third, it would promote national integration as it would provide one law for all citizens. Fourth, it would provide gender justice.

The opponents point out that the Muslims perceive the UCC as an encroachment on their religious freedom, even though some of the Islamic countries have adopted a common law for all. They also note that there is no consensus on the issue.

However, today, the issue is more political than legal and each time the subject comes up, there is a heated debate from both its supporters and opponents. As for political parties, there is no consensus and most of them use it for vote bank politics.

The Congress wants a political consensus while the Samajwadi Party has accused the BJP of doing it for Muslim votes. On the other hand, the BJP's ally, the Janata Dal-

United (JD-U), has diplomatically asked for consultation with all stakeholders. The Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M) wants reforms across all religions and the Nationalist Congress Party wants discussions on a broader spectrum. While the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul-Muslimeen (AIMIM) is opposed to it, the Shiv Sena supports it. So where is the consensus?

However, there is merit in having one law for all. One can understand the stand of the Muslims but the Congress and other political parties should not play politics in bringing uniformity in laws. In the 80s, even the late Rajiv Gandhi had explored the possibility of introducing a voluntary civil code.

"One nation, one law" is a necessity and the sooner the UCC comes, the better, though it is a sensitive issue and should be handled delicately by having more public debates and discussions to bring about a consensus.

(The writer is a senior journalist)



FOREIGN EYE



CALIFORNIA HAS SEEN THE LIGHT

California is one of the few economies large enough to set the rules in a globalised world. It was also the birthplace of the gig economy, and the use of webs of casual labour tied together by algorithms to subvert labour laws and other regulations in all sorts of fields, ranging from taxi firms to B&Bs. So it's an important development that the state's senate has now turned decisively against the exploitation of casual workers.

(The Guardian editorial)

No slowdown in automobile sector: CAIT



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Traders body CAIT on Tuesday said there is no slowdown in the domestic automobile sector and the industry is making hue and cry only to get a package from the government.

The auto industry has been attributing the sales downturn to several factors like high GST (Goods and Services Tax) rates, farm distress, stagnant wages and liquidity constraints.

"There is no slowdown in the domestic automobile sector. They are saying this to get a package from the government," Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) Secretary General Praveen Khandelwal told reporters here.

Citing an example of new vehicle launches, he said companies have received huge number of bookings, which do not reflect any slowdown in the

sector.

Talking about recent festival sales announced by global e-commerce firms like Amazon and Flipkart, Khandelwal demanded immediate action from the government to ban these mega sales.

He claimed that such firms are violating foreign direct investment (FDI) norms in the e-commerce sector.

"If the Government does not take action, we will approach the court," he said.

He also said these e-commerce companies are allowed to do only B2B business but they are indulging in big advertisement campaign.

"These companies are not doing business, this is the business of valuation. They should give details of top 10 vendors in the last five years," he said.

He also said interest rates are high in India and global firms get loans at cheap rates.

Oil holds most huge gains after Saudi attack, Fed moves into view

AFP ■ HONG KONG

Oil prices dipped Tuesday but held most of the previous day's record gains following an attack on Saudi facilities that wiped out half the country's output, with traders nervously awaiting the US response after it said Iran was likely to blame.

The crisis revived fears of a conflict in the tinderbox Gulf region and raised questions about the security of crude fields in the world's top exporter as well as other producers.

It has also taken attention away from the upcoming trade talks between China and the US as well as a much-anticipated policy meeting of the Federal Reserve, which is expected to see it cut interest rates. Trump said he was ready to help Riyadh following the strikes but would await a "definitive" determination on who was responsible.

Iran-backed Huthi rebels in Yemen have claimed responsibility but Washington and Riyadh have pointed the finger at Tehran, which denies the accusations.

Trump appeared to temper his earlier warning that the US was "locked and loaded" to respond, saying: "I'm not looking to get into a new conflict, but sometimes you have to."

The weekend's attack sent both main oil prices surging almost 15 percent on Monday and managed to hold most of those in early Asian trade with WTI and Brent dipping a little

more than one percent.

Uncertainty and geopolitical fears hit regional equities, which had been enjoying an upbeat month thanks to easing trade war tensions and fresh easing measures by global central banks.

Hong Kong fell 0.9 percent with sometimes violent unrest adding to the financial hub's woes and dragging on the economy.

Tokyo ended the morning down 0.1 percent as investors returned from a long weekend. Shanghai slipped 0.8 percent. Sydney shed 0.1 percent and Singapore retreated 0.4 percent.

Taipei and Manila were also lower, though Seoul, Wellington and Jakarta rose slightly.

But while there are fears of a conflagration in the Middle East, observers said the chances of that were low.

"Despite the circumstantial evidence, I feel the barrier of proof would have to be very high indeed. Almost impossible so as there are zero appetites in the world for a military conflict with Iran," said Jeffrey Halley, senior market analyst for the Asia-Pacific at OANDA.

He said the most likely outcome would be more severe sanctions on Iran, though he pointed out: "What is clear is that Saudi Arabian oil infrastructure is more vulnerable than thought, and a risk premium will be built into oil prices going forward."

Analysts said the Fed would probably consider the Saudi attack's possible impact

on the economy and prices when deciding on its next monetary policy move this week but tipped it to cut borrowing costs after its meeting Wednesday.

Also providing some optimism was news that Chinese vice finance minister Liao Min will visit the United States on Wednesday to "pave the way" for the higher level talks planned for next month.

On foreign exchanges the aversion to riskier assets pushed the dollar up against high-yielding currencies, while the pound fought to recover from Monday's losses.

Sterling dropped Monday after European officials said British Prime Minister Boris Johnson had offered no new, viable ideas to break the Brexit impasse during talks with EU chief Jean-Claude Juncker.

West Texas Intermediate: DOWN 1.5 percent at \$61.96 per barrel Brent North Sea crude: DOWN 1.1 percent at \$68.21 per barrel Tokyo - Nikkei 225: DOWN 0.1 percent at 21,964.74 (break) Hong Kong - Hang Seng: DOWN 0.9 percent at 26,873.31 Shanghai - Composite: DOWN 0.8 percent at 3,005.25 Pound/dollar: DOWN at \$1.2417 from \$1.2424 at 2300 GMT Euro/pound: UP at 88.63 pence from 88.56 pence Euro/dollar: UP at \$1.1006 from \$1.1002 Dollar/yen: UP at 108.20 yen from 108.10 yen New York - Dow: DOWN 0.5 percent at 27,076.82 (close) London - FTSE 100: DOWN 0.6 percent at 7,321.41

All options open for closure or merger of MMTC, STC, PEC: Goyal

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Tuesday that all options are open with the ministry for closure or merger of three public sector undertakings - MMTC, STC and PEC.

When asked whether the government is considering to shut or merge these units, Goyal said: "All options are open." He said gradually the purpose of these companies is getting eroded and they are no more canalising agencies.

"It is not the government's business to be in the business," he told reporters here at the sidelines of a CII function.

He said there is no meaning for such a big infrastructure (MMTC) to carry out gold imports.

"We have started discussions. One by one we will do," he added. STC and PEC are debt-ridden firms.

According to STC's annual report for 2018-19, the company is facing "severe liquidity crisis" as all the lender banks have reported STC's account as NPA due to non-payment of interest on the banking limits availed by the company.

Therefore, at present, the company has no banking limits, funded or non-funded, available with it.

The company has reported a net loss (after tax) of ₹881 crore during 2018-19 as compared to net profit (after tax) of about ₹38 crore in 2017-18.

Business Corner



Kolkata-based Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (GRSE Ltd.), a premier establishment for building warships and carrying out engineering fabrications in the country, has come out with yet another stellar achievement. The Research and Development team of GRSE has turned the construction of a Bailey type double-lane portable steel bridge into a reality, that too in a record time



Among a host of public and private sector companies in the country, Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has won the highest number (Nine) of National Safety Awards for outstanding achievements in terms of the longest accident-free period and lowest accident frequency rate at its works. The awards were received by Dr. Nalin Shinghal, Chairman & Managing Director, BHEL from Sh. Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, at a function held in New Delhi. Significantly, BHEL has been winning these prestigious national awards, instituted by the Ministry of Labour, Government of India consistently, since their inception



The Indo-American Chamber of Commerce conferred the Bank of the year award to Punjab National Bank at 15th Indo-US Economic Summit in Delhi. RK Yaduvanshi Executive Director Punjab National Bank received the award

Emerging economies like India more vulnerable to big oil price moves: Report

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Given weak consumer demand, higher oil prices can result in stagflation in an emerging economy like India, which imports more than 70 per cent of its oil needs, says a report.

In economic parlance, stagflation means a situation in a country's economy when inflation is persistently high, demand is stagnant and unemployment rates are high.

According to the Japanese financial services major Nomura, when the rise in oil prices is driven more by supply-side factors - as is the case currently - it tends to be more damaging to large net oil importers.

This is because, "in the absence of a strong pick up in exports, higher import cost of oil could sharply worsen current account positions, compress profit margins and, to the extent that firms pass on higher production costs, raise consumer price index (CPI) inflation," it said.

Crude oil benchmark, Brent futures, surged by almost 20 per cent to \$71.95 per barrel (intra-day) on Monday after twin drone attacks on Saturday wiped out more than half of Saudi Arabia's crude supply. It was also the biggest gain in Brent in dollar terms since futures started trading in 1988.

The drone attacks on Saturday targeted Abqaiq, the site of the largest oil processing plant run by the Saudi state oil company, Aramco, and the Khurais oilfield.

As per the report, for a country like India, higher oil prices are equivalent to a negative terms-of-trade shock that weakens growth, pushes up inflation and deteriorates the twin deficits.

"Given weak demand, higher oil prices, even if temporary, can result in a stagflationary outcome," Nomura said. According to Nomura estimates, every USD10/bbl rise in oil price would reduce gross domestic product (GDP) growth by around 0.2 per-

centage point, widen the current account deficit by 0.4 per cent of GDP, widen the fiscal deficit by 0.1 per cent of GDP and add around 30 basis points (bp) to headline CPI inflation.

It further noted that if higher oil prices result in rupee depreciation (against the US dollar), then we estimate that, for every 5 per cent rupee depreciates against the dollar, headline inflation would increase by 20 bp.

"Given this is a temporary supply-side shock, we expect the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to look through higher oil prices, especially since CPI inflation will be at its 4 per cent target and as the negative output gap would persist," Nomura said.

The global brokerage firm expects a cumulative 40 bp of rate cuts in Q4 2019. Although sustained high oil prices would increase the likelihood of a 25 bp rate cut in October (followed by 15 bp in December), rather than a more aggressive (over 25 bp) cut in October.

Telcos reluctant to bid for 5G spectrum on concerns of high prices, low quantum: COAI

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Adding to the growing chorus for lowering of 4G recommended rates, industry body COAI on Tuesday said its member companies have indicated reluctance in picking up 5G spectrum in the upcoming government-organised sale of radiowaves, concerned over high prices and less-than-adequate quantum.

Cellular Operators' Association of India (COAI) Director-General Rajan Mathews said there could be some takers for 4G spectrum in the auctions, which the government hopes to conduct in the current financial year.

"In spectrum auctions, for sub-1GHz, it is possible that someone might want to pick up some spectrum for 4G but 5G pricing is still the main challenge. Our members have indicated that at the current prices, it does not make sense to invest this kind of money," Mathews told PTI.

On Monday, the Broadband India Forum (BIF) had claimed that radiowaves unsold in past auctions, because they were priced high, had an implication of Rs 5.4 lakh crore due to economic benefits lost, and that the government needs to ensure adequacy and "reasonable" rates for upcoming 5G auction.

BKU DEMANDS COMPLETE BAN OF E-CIGARETTES

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

New Delhi: To save the livelihoods of Indian Farmers from the multinational groups, Bharatiya Kisan Union has sent an appeal to Agriculture and Commerce Minister demanding complete ban of E-Cigarettes and Vaping Products in India. More than 30 countries have banned e-cigarettes and other countries are planning to ban them. Tobacco grower nations like Thailand, Nepal, Brazil, Mexico, Sri Lanka have also banned them.

AirAsia launches Varanasi to Bangkok direct flights

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

New Delhi: AirAsia launched direct flights between Varanasi and Bangkok. The carrier's inaugural Varanasi-Bangkok route will be open for sale on the 17 September 2019 onwards. All guests can now avail the promotional offer for ₹7399 one way. The Varanasi-Bangkok route will commence operations on the 25 November 2019 and will go on till 28 March 2020. The flights will operate on all Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturday.

Govt allows SAIL to sell 25% iron ore output in open market

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Bengal. As per the provision of section 8A(6) of the MMDRA Act 1957, the lease of 31 working iron ore mines are expiring next year on March 31, 2020, and it is expected to lead to a shortfall of 60 million tonnes (MT) of iron ore in the market, the ministry said.

The mines ministry has noted that there is a need to take adequate steps to ensure availability of iron ore in the market to meet the demand of domestic steel makers.

Steel plants of the firm are designed to process defined quantity and quality of ore and the increased production from captive mines can not be consumed in their plants, it said.

The mines Ministry on Tuesday said it has allowed State-owned SAIL to offload up to 25 per cent of total iron ore produced in the previous year through open market.

However, it will be subject to clearance from the respective state governments, where the mines are located, after following due procedure. It is valid for a period of 2 years, the ministry said in a statement.

The country's largest steel maker, under the Ministry of Steel, has over 20 captive mines spread across Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and West

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that this girl (depicted in the photo) namely: **Kiran D/o Vijay R/o H. No. S-3/49, Swaran Park, Mundka, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped from the area of PS Nangloi since 13.08.2019. In this regard FIR No. 471/19 U/s 363 IPC dated 16.08.2019 has been registered at PS. Nangloi Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far.

Her physical description is as under:-
Sex: Female, **Age:** 16 years, **Height:** 5'3" ft., **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Badami Colour Suit-Light Yellow Salwar and red Hawal Chappale in feet.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing/kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following:-
SHO
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> P.S. Nangloi, Delhi
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph. No.: 011-25947225, 25949470
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 Mob. No. 7065036127
Fax No.: 011-24368639 DP/2661/OD/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that this woman (depicted in the photo) namely: **Krishna W/o Raj Singh R/o Near Vedpal Parchoon Shop Jaunti Village Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped from the area of PS Kanjhawala since 17.07.2019. In this regard DD No. 58-A dated 27.07.2019 has been registered at PS Kanjhawala, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the woman but no clue has come to light so far.

Her physical description is as under:-
Sex: Female, **Age:** 55 years, **Height:** 5'4" ft., **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Long, **Wearing:** Blue Check Kurta, White Salwar & Black Chappal in feet.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing/kidnapped woman may kindly inform to the following:-
SHO
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph. No.: 011-25951486
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 Mob. No. 7065036125
Fax No.: 011-24368639 DP/3201/RD/19

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

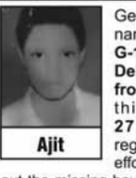


General public is hereby informed that one male was found dead at Near Tilak Builder, Aman Vihar, Kirari Village, Delhi on 01.09.2019 at 3.00 PM. In this regard a DD No. 65-B Dated 01.09.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi. The description of the dead body is given as under:
Name: Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** about 30-35 years, **Height:** 5'6" Feet, **ID Mark:** A Tatoo (rkr) in English in right hand, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Wearing:** Blue Colour Dotted Shirt & Black Colour Half Pant.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the information about the dead male but no clue has come to light so far. If any one is having any information about this dead male please inform the undersigned.

S.H.O
P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi.
Ph. No. 011-27581223
DP/3274/RD/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that a boy namely **Ajit, S/o: Chottu, R/o: Jhuggi No. G-107, CSA Colony, WPIA, Ashok Vihar, Delhi** has been missing since 03.08.2019 from the area of PS. Ashok Vihar, Delhi. In this regard FIR No. 354/19 dated 27.08.2019 U/s 363 IPC has been registered at P.S. Ashok Vihar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing boy but no clue has come to light so far. The description of missing boy is as under:
Name: Ajit, **Age:** 15 years, **Height:** 5'2", **Face:** Long, **Complexion:** Dark Fair, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Green T-Shirt, Blue Jeans and Sandal in feet.

If anyone have any information about this missing boy please inform P.S. Ashok Vihar, Delhi.

Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
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Police Station, Ashok Vihar, Delhi
Ph: 011- 27636000, 276316000
DP/9358/NW/19

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr. PC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Raju @ Mango S/o Mohan Lal, R/o D-700, Jhuggi Pani Ki Tanki Wali, Raghubir Nagar, Delhi**, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence FIR No. 324/13 u/s 354A/354B/506/34 IPC at PS. Sultan Puri, Delhi, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Raju @ Mango** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Raju @ Mango** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation u/s 82 CrPC is hereby made that the said **Raju @ Mango** accused of FIR No. 324/13 u/s 354A/354B/506/34 IPC is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 07.11.2019.

DP/2681/OD/19- By Order
(Court Matter) Ms. Shilpi Jain, Metropolitan Magistrate, Mahila Court-02 (West Distt.), Room No. 18, Ground Floor, Rohini Court, Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that a Boy namely **Sonu Kumar S/o Rajender Kumar R/o C-253, DDA Mini Market, Mangol puri Delhi**. **Age:** 19 years, **Height:** 5'8" **Face:** Oval, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Identification:** A tattoo mark Name "Sonu" on right hand and "OM" on back side of left hand palm **Wearing:** White T-Shirt-light Blue Pant and Spark sandal in his feet has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S Raj Park, Delhi since dated 12.04.2019. In this regard a vide DD No. 21-A Dated 25.04.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Raj Park, Delhi (Vide FIR No. 684/19 u/s 365 IPC Date 9.9.2019). Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the boy but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this boy please inform undersigned.

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DP/2646/OD/19 27910071

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Rohit Nandal S/o Sh. Rishpal R/o H No. Village - Bohar, Distt. Rohtak, Haryana** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR. No. 129/12 U/s 379/411 IPC was registered at P.S. South-Rohini, Delhi and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Rohit Nandal** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Rohit Nandal** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person **Rohit Nandal** of FIR. No. 129/12 U/s 379/411 IPC was registered at P.S. South-Rohini, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated 24.10.2019.

By Order
Sh. Virender Singh
DP/3176/RD/19 Metropolitan Magistrate, North Distt. (Court Matter) Room No. 208, 2nd Floor, Rohini Court, Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that one female (depicted in the photo) namely **Sadhna, W/o Triloki, R/o Gali No. 1, Shani Bazar, I.G. Colony, Kunwar Singh Nagar, Nangloi, Delhi**, has been missing since Dated 21.08.2019. In this regard a D.D. No. 50-A, Dated 28.08.2019 has been lodged at Police Station - Nihal Vihar, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-
Age: 37 years, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Height:** 5'2", **Face:** Round, **Clothing:** Wearing red & black Saree and black Chappals in feet.

Any person is having any information/Clue about this missing female, may inform undersigned.

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> SHO
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Ph.No.: 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi
DP/2671/OD/19 Ph.: 011-25946700, 25946710

₹ dips 18 paise as crude worries hurt sentiment

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Indian rupee on Tuesday weakened by another 18 paise to settle at 71.78 against the US dollar as investors fretted over higher crude oil prices.

Elevated crude oil prices have emerged as major fears for India — the world's third largest oil importer — in form of fiscal slippage and inflationary pressure.

At the Interbank Foreign Exchange, the rupee opened at 71.83 then lost further ground and fell to an intra-day low of 71.98 against the US dollar.

The local unit finally settled for the day at 71.78, down 18 paise over its previous closing.

The Indian rupee on Monday had plunged by 68 paise to 71.60 against the US dollar amid concerns over soaring crude prices following drone attacks on Saudi Arabia's oil facilities.

"Indian currency spot surged to 71.98, Brent crude prices moved to USD 69 and 10-year yield was at 6.72. All these factors are dampening the economy and will be difficult to tackle in the short term," said Shrikant S Chouhan, Senior Vice-President, Equity Technical Research, Kotak Securities.

Crude oil benchmark, Brent Futures, surged by almost 20 per cent to USD 71.95 per barrel (intra-day) on Monday after twin drone attacks on Saturday wiped out more than half of Saudi Arabia's crude supply.

However, Brent Futures on Tuesday saw some moderation and was trading at USD 68.07 per barrel, down 1.38 per cent over the previous close.

"Given India's dependence on imported oil, any spike in crude oil prices would impact India's oil import bill and trade deficit. Every dollar increase in the price of oil raises the import bill by around approx. USD 1.5 billion on an annual basis," said Arun Thukral, MD & CEO, Axis Securities.

Besides, heavy selling in domestic equity market and sustained foreign fund outflows also weighed on the domestic currency, forex traders said.

The 30-share index ended 642.22 points, or 1.73 per cent, lower at 36,481.09. The broader NSE Nifty too settled 185.90 points, or 1.69 per cent, down at 10,817.60.

Adding to woes, foreign investors continued with their equity selling spree in the Indian market. Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) sold

equities worth Rs 808.29 crore on Tuesday, exchange data showed.

The 10-year Government bond yield was at 6.73 per cent on Tuesday.

Market participants were also on edge awaiting cues from the upcoming trade talks between China and the US as well as a much-anticipated policy meeting of the Federal Reserve, scheduled to begin later in the day.

Meanwhile, on the global front, a Chinese vice finance minister will visit the United States on Wednesday to lay the groundwork for trade talks next month.

The official Xinhua news agency said vice finance minister Liao Min will lead a delegation visiting the United States on Wednesday to "pave the way" for the higher level talks.

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose by 0.01 per cent to 98.61.

The Financial Benchmark India Private Ltd (FBIL) set the reference rate for the rupee/dollar at 71.5362 and for rupee/euro at 79.1934. The reference rate for rupee/British pound was fixed at 89.1393 and for rupee/100 Japanese yen at 66.34.

Modi Govt sensitive, aware of concerns of industries: Shah

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Trying to allay apprehensions of India Inc, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said the Modi government is "sensitive" and looking into the difficulties being faced by businessmen, including those related to reforms initiatives. Shah also attributed to some of the problems being faced by industries due to the global economic slowdown.

"I understand your difficulties, your apprehensions. There may be uncertainties. But it is a sensitive and non-corrupt government," he said addressing an event of the All India Management Association (AIMA). Talking about the reforms initiatives taken by the government, Shah said there may be some initial problems but such difficulties will be over soon. He asked industries to face them as "they will bring overall good for everyone."

"There were some teething problems in the GST. But tell me in which big decision there is no teething problems. But we have been able to collect over Rs 1 lakh crore (in a single month) on many occasions. There may be a need to take a few corrective steps. "You have to undergo lit-

tle difficulties initially but at the end reforms brings the larger good," he said. Shah said the government was putting in place rules and regulations without any fair and favour.

"You may have apprehensions that so many inquiries. But rule of law has to be brought," he said. Shah said the government wants to expedite industrial activities and trying to provide all assistance, including proving a suitable platform to startups. "We are trying to help you... but there is a global slowdown too," he said.

The Home Minister said the Modi government works for the welfare of both the agricultural sector as well as industries. He asked the AIMA and other industry bodies to come up with suggestions for the government on what to do for the industries. The government would do its best for the benefit of industries, he said.

Shah urged the AIMA, FICCI and ASSOCHAM to devote more energy for research and development initiatives. He said the Modi government was not run by bureaucrats but by political executives. "The political leadership takes the policy decisions and the bureaucrats implement them," he said.

Govt mulls another booster dose to revitalise economy

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Finance Ministry is working on one more booster dose to give a leg-up to the economy that has hit over six-year low of 5 per cent, a senior Finance Ministry official said. The blue print for the stimulus is ready that would be announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the next few days, the official said without giving further details. The government announced a slew of measures in three dosages which include a special window for real estate, export incentives, bank consolidation and sops for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and the automobile sector. Earlier this week, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das had said the government has taken a number of measures to boost the economy in three phases and indicated that more steps are likely.

"I think with right measures taken, things should improve. It's a positive trend that the government is responding fast and I don't think we have heard the last from the government with regard to dealing with the current economic situation... My expectation is that it will be a continuous process and they would definitely be dealing with other challenges," he said. The first set of announcements was made on August 23 that



included rollback of the enhanced surcharge imposed on foreign portfolio and domestic investors in Budget 2019-20. Sitharaman had in her maiden Budget raised the surcharge on income tax paid by super-rich individuals. The surcharge, levied on top of the applicable income tax rate, was hiked from 15 per cent to 25 per cent for those earning more than Rs 5 crore. This increased the effective tax rate for these two groups by 3.12 per cent and 7 per cent to 39 per cent and 42.74 per cent, respectively.

Some 40 per cent of foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) automatically came under the higher tax rate as they have been investing as a non-corporate entity, such as trust or association of persons (AOPs), which in the income tax law is classified as an individual for the purpose of taxation. It was followed

by announcement with regard to consolidation of 10 public sector banks (PSBs) into four on August 30.

According to the consolidation exercise, United Bank of India and Oriental Bank of Commerce are to be merged with Punjab National Bank, making the proposed entity the second-largest PSB. Syndicate Bank is to be merged with Canara Bank. Allahabad Bank will be merged with Indian Bank. Andhra Bank will be amalgamated with Corporation Bank and Union Bank of India.

This would be the second round of consolidation of PSBs. Earlier this year, State Bank of India had absorbed its five associate banks and the Bharatiya Mahila Bank to form the biggest public sector lender. In another merger, Bank of Baroda had taken over Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank.

Last week, the government announced a slew of measures to boost exports and the real estate sector. During the week, the finance minister will chair the 37th meeting of the GST Council, which is expected to discuss rate revisions for various sectors, including automobiles, fast-moving consumer goods, and hotels. Besides, she will meet heads of the PSBs to discuss issues, including following up on transmission of monetary policy rates.

NIFTY 50

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY 50	11000.10	11000.10	10796.50	10817.60	-185.90
GAIL	129.45	133.30	129.00	132.10	2.40
TITAN	1155.00	1176.20	1154.00	1159.75	11.20
HINDUNILVR	1814.75	1842.00	1812.00	1834.00	17.70
ASIANPAINT	1527.40	1543.30	1518.60	1520.10	10.70
INFY	831.50	835.00	820.55	823.95	4.65
DREDDY	2735.00	2762.40	2730.60	2739.90	14.60
INFRATEL	251.95	251.95	247.00	251.75	-0.20
UPL	569.10	571.50	560.80	562.90	-1.20
BRITANNIA	2720.00	2740.95	2678.80	2699.90	-15.15
IIBULHGFIN	425.00	437.30	420.65	431.15	-3.15
POWERGRID	202.40	202.70	199.35	200.65	-1.55
BHARTIARTL	348.80	348.80	332.55	341.15	-2.85
ITC	239.80	240.10	236.80	237.05	-2.35
WIPRO	246.95	247.40	243.70	244.50	-2.60
HDFCBANK	2247.90	2248.50	2198.10	2220.00	-24.15
TCS	2154.95	2156.55	2105.60	2126.40	-23.60
HCLTECH	1069.00	1069.00	1046.55	1057.70	-12.20
RELIANCE	1211.00	1211.00	1193.50	1196.95	-13.80
ONGC	130.75	132.00	129.05	129.10	-1.60
BAIFINANCE	3424.95	3434.00	3354.00	3375.00	-43.85
BAJAJFINSV	7291.00	7325.00	7108.30	7180.00	-100.25
SUNPHARMA	426.70	427.55	419.15	420.20	-6.00
HINDALCO	200.00	202.95	196.65	197.30	-2.70
KOTAKBANK	1471.25	1480.95	1444.00	1453.20	-19.15
COALINDIA	200.00	200.60	196.00	197.40	-3.15
TECHM	719.90	719.90	699.15	707.95	-11.95
VEDL	149.80	153.20	144.45	146.00	-2.65
NTPC	122.85	123.15	120.55	120.90	-2.35
ADANIPOWER	370.60	373.25	362.80	363.50	-7.10
LT	1344.00	1345.00	1310.20	1315.00	-28.60
ZEE	348.00	348.00	333.55	337.50	-7.45
GRASIM	716.00	724.10	699.90	710.00	-15.70
CIPLA	491.95	492.40	477.00	497.90	-10.80
ULTRACEMCO	396.00	397.50	388.05	389.00	-93.85
HDFC	2041.90	2045.50	1976.20	1995.60	-51.15
M&M	537.50	539.50	520.00	523.00	-13.95
YESBANK	67.10	68.80	64.65	65.30	-1.75
IOC	127.75	128.30	125.20	125.20	-3.35
ICICIBANK	405.85	411.90	398.30	400.25	-11.90
BPCL	379.90	379.90	367.65	368.50	-11.50
INDUSINDBK	1376.00	1384.90	1325.25	1334.00	-41.95
BAJAJ-AUTO	2874.80	2875.85	2762.55	2786.00	-88.45
EICHERMOT	1680.00	1689.95	1671.95	1674.00	-56.30
SBIN	285.00	286.45	273.00	274.15	-10.55
JSWSTEEL	224.40	229.00	214.80	215.80	-9.85
MARUTI	6410.00	6445.85	6110.00	6136.30	-296.45
AXISBANK	667.00	668.30	638.05	639.50	-31.40
TATASEEL	361.20	366.00	342.05	343.30	-17.80
TATAMOTORS	129.00	130.50	121.35	122.20	-6.40
HEROMOTOCO2	2744.90	2762.00	2555.00	2567.00	-171.05

BSE 500

SCRIP	Open	High	Low	LTP
MARUTI	6412.30	6440.00	6109.20	6130.65
YESBANK	67.05	68.85	64.70	65.15
HEG	1374.00	1473.00	1232.75	1245.55
GRAPHITE	359.00	383.85	332.00	339.50
IIBULHGFIN	424.80	437.10	421.00	429.05
TATAMOTORS	128.75	130.45	121.40	121.95
TATASTEEL	361.15	365.95	342.25	344.45
HDFC	2047.00	2047.00	1977.50	1996.50
AXISBANK	670.00	670.00	638.15	640.20
SBIN	285.30	286.35	273.10	273.90
RELIANCE	1214.80	1214.80	1193.70	1197.20
BAIFINANCE	3424.20	3433.00	3354.50	3365.65
TCS	2154.00	2155.85	2107.00	2121.35
ICICIBANK	406.85	411.85	398.35	400.60
HDFCBANK	2255.00	2255.00	2198.30	2208.60
INDUSINDBK	1381.00	1384.40	1325.90	1332.50
ICICIGI	1133.00	1141.00	1125.30	1133.95
JINDALSTEEL	108.00	111.30	101.65	102.85
BEL	110.15	112.45	107.55	107.95
SAIL	34.20	36.25	33.20	33.40
CROMPTON	240.00	243.50	239.00	240.00
VEDL	149.00	153.10	144.45	145.55
NAUKRI	1950.00	1954.15	1911.95	1923.95
TIINDIA	352.00	358.00	338.00	338.75
VENKYS	1669.95	1786.00	1640.00	1663.30
ITC	239.90	240.05	236.85	237.10
HCLTECH	1067.00	1067.00	1046.45	1056.35
DHFL	52.10	53.00	48.90	50.25
HINDPETRO	254.35	255.10	244.35	246.05
BPCL	379.95	379.95	367.55	368.70
GRASIM	718.80	724.55	698.70	707.00
SRF	1345.00	1345.00	1310.50	1314.00
JWSTEEL	224.00	229.00	214.85	216.10
TITAN	1154.00	1175.50	1154.00	1156.50
BANKBARODA	98.50	99.55	94.80	95.15
HDFCAMC	2616.00	2703.95	2552.00	2574.50
APOLLOTYRE	180.00	180.55	175.15	177.65
ICICIPRULI	415.00	423.00	416.00	416.15
BAJAJ-AUTO	2874.10	2875.65	2754.20	2773.45
COALINDIA	201.00	201.00	196.10	197.60
DREDDY	1272.50	1272.50	1276.30	1277.50
CADILAC	244.50	244.50	237.15	239.15
GNFC	204.50	208.00	187.90	189.65
RAISETHAT	693.00	693.00	672.00	674.05
COFFEEDAY	77.75	77.75	71.10	72.75
PAEIND	19750.00	19750.00	19023.10	19418.80
IPCALAB	945.60	947.70	920.00	932.05
TVMSTORT	390.25	390.25	370.95	372.30
NILKAMAL	1040.00	1040.00	1039.75	1032.65
NTPC	123.30	123.30	120.55	120.85
INFRATEL	252.00	252.00	247.40	250.10
ADANIPOWER	371.00	373.00	362.30	365.60
SPARC	167.90	172.00	158.00	160.65
BEML	835.05	846.90	811.25	814.10
SIBLIFE	795.30	801.70	793.10	798.50
TATAMTRDVR	59.40	59.85	55.90	56.20
PIDILITIND	1354.25	1360.00	1317.20	1322.40
TATAGLOBAL	257.55	260.15	255.10	255.90
UPL	565.25	571.30	560.85	562.75
GRUB	74.00	77.90	75.45	75.80
GODREJAGRO	471.50	475.00	439.40	440.40
RCF	46.50	46.65	43.80	44.20
RALLIS	169.50	170.10	164.85	165.35
KIRKANK	38.75	39.25	37.10	37.25
ECLERX	521.00	529.85	495.10	503.00
BANDHANBNK	415.55	415.55	405.65	406.65
BAJAJELEC	391.20	422.25	385.00	392.05
DEEPAKALF	274.95	277.25	268.30	269.00
RCOM	0.94	0.94	0.90	0.94
RITES	237.45	240.15	232.35	234.05
LTTS	1623.05	1635.00	1618.30	1622.50
FCFSUMER	30.95	36.00	28.95	29.05
NHPC	23.80	24.20	23.30	23.55
GRANULES	104.80	105.55	102.30	104.50
SHREECEM	19100.00	19100.00	18487.35	18705.25
LAKSHVILAS	39.55	41.45	38.65	38.75
SOUTHANK	11.03	11.36	11.01	11.03
TATACOFFEE	81.00	82.45	78.45	79.05
COROMANDEL	406.80	406.80	388.50	395.60
HUDCO	38.75	38.80	36.40	36.80
EMAMILTD	312.50	319.00	308.00	312.80
SYNDIBANK	31.75	32.00	30.15	30.45
ABCAPTAL	94.50	94.50	91.10	91.60
SUNDRMFAST	457.15	458.00	430.60	432.30
PCHL	4438.90	4438.90	4225.0	

Taliban kill 48 ahead of Afghan polls

PTI ■ KABUL

Taliban suicide bombers killed at least 48 people and wounded dozens more in two blasts on Tuesday — one at a campaign rally for the president and the other in Kabul — with the insurgents warning of more violence ahead of elections.

The first attack saw a motorcyclist detonate a suicide bomb at a checkpoint leading to a rally where President Ashraf Ghani was addressing supporters in central Parwan province, just north of the capital, killing 26 and wounding 42.



Afghan police inspect the site of a suicide attack, in Parwan province of Afghanistan on Tuesday. PTI

Just over an hour later another blast also claimed by the Taliban rocked central Kabul near the US embassy. Authorities initially did not give casualty figures, but later said 22 people had been killed and a further 38 wounded.

The explosions came after US President Donald Trump abruptly ended talks with the Taliban earlier this month over a deal that would have allowed the US to begin withdrawing troops from its longest war.

In a statement sent to media claiming responsibility for both blasts, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said the attack near Ghani's rally was deliberately aimed at disrupting the September 28 elections.

"We already warned people not to attend election rallies, if

they suffer any losses that is their own responsibility," the statement said.

An AFP image from the scene near Ghani's rally, roughly an hour's drive north of Kabul, showed the remains of a burnt motorcycle, with a body on top, covered by a blanket and next to a badly damaged police car.

Women and children were among the casualties, Parwan hospital director Abdul Qasim Sangin told AFP.

The president, who was speaking to his supporters at the time of the blast, was unhurt but later condemned the attack, saying the incident proved the Taliban had no real

interest in reconciliation.

"As the Taliban continue their crimes, they once again prove that they are not interested in peace and stability in Afghanistan," said Ghani in a statement.

Sixty kilometres (40 miles) away in Kabul, a shopkeeper, Rahimullah, said he had been sitting inside his shop when the second blast came.

"The wave broke all the windows," he told AFP.

"I rushed outside and saw several bodies just across the street.

This is the second time in less than a month that a blast has broken our windows. I just fixed them a week ago." The

UN's mission in Afghanistan also slammed the Taliban, accusing them of showing "despicable disregard for civilian life & fundamental human right to participate in democratic process."

The elections will see Ghani face off against his own Chief Executive, Abdullah Abdullah, and more than a dozen other candidates, including former warlords, ex-spies, and onetime members of the country's former communist regime.

For weeks, the election had been sidelined by the US-Taliban talks, with many Afghans and observers expecting the vote to be cancelled if a deal was agreed. Even candi-

dates did little in the way of campaigning.

But with the deal off, Ghani and his rivals have begun the race. Ghani is seeking a clear mandate they can use to negotiate with the insurgents on a lasting peace in Afghanistan.

Trump's declaration that the US-Taliban talks were "dead" spurred the insurgents to declare last week that the only other option was more fighting.

"We had two ways to end occupation in Afghanistan, one was jihad and fighting, the other was talks and negotiations," Mujahid told AFP last week.

"If Trump wants to stop talks, we will take the first way and they will soon regret it," Observers had warned the Taliban, who hope to weaken the future president, will do anything they can to upend the election.

On the first day of campaigning in July, suicide attackers and gunmen targeted the Kabul office of Ghani's running mate, Amrullah Saleh. At least 20 people died in those attacks.

Turnout in the elections is set to be low, with experts citing fear of violence and a loss of hope among voters following widespread fraud allegations during the 2014 election.

A BBC investigation released on Monday claimed that 74 people were killed every day on average in August, with 611 incidents resulting in 2,307 deaths.

Russia, Iran, Turkey say Syrian constitution committee ready

AP ■ ANKARA

The leaders of Iran, Russia and Turkey announced on Monday that an agreement has been finally reached on the composition of a committee tasked with rewriting Syria's constitution as part of a political solution to the country's civil war, now in its ninth year.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan told journalists at the end of the meeting with Russia's Vladimir Putin and Iran's Hassan Rouhani in the Turkish capital Ankara that differences on one last committee member has been overcome, paving the way for the committee to start working as soon as possible.

"We portrayed a constructive and flexible attitude to determine constitutional committee members and rules of procedure. We made an effort for the political process to move forward. In short, hitches regarding the establishment of the committee were eliminated by our mutual efforts," Erdogan said.

The leaders did not provide a timeframe for the committee — set to be made up of Syrian government and opposition figures — to begin its proceedings. The procedural rules still have to be worked out, Putin told reporters.

"The proceedings must begin rapidly," Putin said.



From left, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Russian President Vladimir Putin shake hands during their meeting in Ankara, Turkey on Monday. AP

"Extremist groups may try and destroy this process because they do not want a final agreement since they gain money from war."

Russia and Iran are key allies of Syrian President Bashar Assad while Turkey backs Syrian rebels seeking to oust him.

Rouhani said he hoped for elections to take place in Syria in 2020 or 2021.

The leaders also agreed to de-escalate the volatile situation in Idlib — the last remaining rebel stronghold in Syria — while combatting extremists and protecting civilians. A cease-fire that went into effect at the end of August has been holding despite some violations.

Idlib is dominated by the al-Qaida-linked group Hayat

Tahrir al-Sham.

Syrian forces, backed by Russia, targeted the armed group in a four-month ground and air offensive but civilians have been widely affected.

Hundreds of thousands of Syrians, some already displaced from other parts of the war-torn country, have moved toward Turkey's border.

A major conflict in Idlib has raised the possibility of a mass refugee flow to Turkey, which already hosts 3.6 million Syrian refugees.

"We cannot stand by and watch a new tragedy that would affect 4 million people right next to our border," Erdogan said, adding: "Such a calamitous development would not only affect our country but also all of Europe."

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"e" Procurement Corrigendum Notice-1

In pursuant to clause 7 of, Instructions to Bidders (Section II), amendments against Tender Specification No. 01/EE(E&M-II)/VP/2019-20 - Annual Operation & Maintenance Contract for 33/11 KV substation & DG Set have been uploaded on the e-procurement portal.

All other terms & conditions of the tender shall remain unchanged. Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be obtained from the website. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "https://uktenders.gov.in"

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CORRIGENDUM

File No. CID/SLR/Tender/2019
(Through IREPS portal)

NIT for leasing of SLR/SLRD parcel space published in various English & Hindi newspapers scheduled to be opened on 19.09.2019 through IREPS portal i.e. www.ireps.gov.in NITs following tenders are withdrawn due to technical reason.

- F-1 compartment of train no. 12826 ex. Anand Vihar Terminal to Ranchi (Tender No. SLR-FI-12826-Aug 19) is withdrawn.
- F-1 compartment of train no. 12826 ex. Anand Vihar Terminal to Ranchi (Tender No. SLR-FII-12826-Aug 19) is withdrawn.
- R-1 compartment of train no. 12826 ex. Anand Vihar Terminal to Ranchi (Tender No. SLR-RI-12826-Aug 19) is withdrawn.

Other information of NITs shall remain unchanged. 2987/19

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TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of tender through E-tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

NIT No.: 221-S/42/ISO-29 STN/DLI-Divn/ML/IV/2019-20

Name of work and its location: "ISO 14001:2015 Certification of 29 Listed Stations over Delhi Division, Northern Railway, for three years as per scope of work"

Approx Cost of work: Rs. 28,09,500/- (Twenty Eight lakh Nine Thousand Five hundred only) plus GST as applicable

Earnest Money: Rs. 56,200/-

Completion period of work: Three years i.e. 36 months from the date of issue of ISO Certificate

Cost of tender document on cash/by post: Rs. 3540/- with GST@18%

Date and Time for submission of tender and opening of tender: Upto 15:00 hrs on 09.10.2019 Opening of Tender at 15:00 hrs

Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen: www.ireps.gov.in

Dated: 16.09.2019 2985/2019

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TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

N.I.T. No.: 06/19-20 dated 16.09.2019. (1) Name of work with its location: Repair to Administrative offices of NRCH store department office, medicine offices, matron linen & T&P office, Telephone exchange, Cabin No. 7, 8 Biomedical waste and repair other officers chambers and improvement to walls finish by CNC CUT ACP screen behind Room No. 29 to 58 and improvement to area ahead canteen at NRCH under XENINRCH. (2) Approx. Cost of work: Rs. 99,38,873.9. (3) Earnest Money: (It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note:- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no. 2015/CE-UCT/51 dated 31.08.2016). Rs. 1,98,800.00. (4) Completion period of work: 8 Months. (5) Cost of tender on cash/by post: (It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note:- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no. 2015/CE-UCT/51 dated 31.08.2016). Rs. 5,900.00. (6) Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender: Upto 15:00 hrs. on 15.10.2019. Opening of tender at 15:00 hrs. On 15.10.2019. (7) Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen: Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. No.: 128-W/269/OET/19-20/NRCH/NIT 06 Dated: 16.09.2019. 2980/2019

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Name of work and its location: 30-Elect-31-T-2019-20-E3 Electrical sub estimate in extension of existing building for additional accommodation (14 rooms GF+FF) in running room PNP. Approx cost of the works in Rs. 14.73 lacs Address of the office: Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi. Earnest Money: Rs. 29500.00

Date & time of submission of tender: 10.10.2019, 15:00 Hrs. Opening of tender: 10.10.2019, 15:15 Hrs. Website & notice board: www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi. 2973/19

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Name of work and its location: 30-Elect-33-T-2019-20-E3. Electrical work in connection with i) Repair & widening by providing VDC to main exit road of circulating area of Almeri Gate NDLs and repair to old TTE rest house Paharganj side. ii) Replacement of ART & AMRE for extension of washing line no. at SZM end in Delhi yard. iii) Construction of new conference room at Rail Bhawan New Delhi.

Approx cost of the works: Rs. 33.92 lacs. Address of the office: Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi. Earnest Money: Rs. 67,900/-

Date & time of submission of tender: 10.10.2019, 15:00 Hrs. Opening of tender: 10.10.2019, 15:15 Hrs. Website & notice board: www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi. 2974/2019

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Israelis vote in snap polls in five months



Israeli PM Benjamin and his wife Sarah casts their votes in Jerusalem on Tuesday. PTI

Jerusalem: Israelis voted on Tuesday in their country's second general election in five months, a contest that is being widely seen as a referendum on incumbent Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's leadership.

Netanyahu, 69, called the snap election after failing to form a governing coalition with a viable majority after April's vote.

About 6.3 million eligible Israeli voters started voting Tuesday morning in the unprecedented repeat polls.

Polling booths opened at 7 AM and voters can cast their votes till 10 PM to elect the 22nd Knesset (Israeli parliament) necessitated by the inability of Netanyahu to cobble a coalition of 61 members in a house of 120 following the April 9 elections.

Voter turnout in Israeli elections hit 26.8 per cent mark at noon time, a tad higher than on April 9 at the same hour, with the larger parties, ruling Likud and main rivals Blue and White, resorting to traditional mobilisation tools to create panic among their sympathisers to bring them out to vote.

"The turnout at noon time was 2 per cent higher than 24.8 per cent recorded at the same time during the last polls," Director of Central elections Committee, Orli Adas, said calling it "an impressive trend".

Voting for Israel Defence Forces (IDF) soldiers began Saturday evening at bases around the country, and Israeli diplomats abroad have also already cast their ballots. PTI

UN experts urge probe of Rohingya killings in B'desh

AFP ■ DHAKA

UN human rights experts have raised new concerns about the treatment of Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh following a deadly backlash over the killing of a ruling party official.

The experts called for an "impartial" investigation into the deaths of at least six Rohingya men in gunfights with police after they were named as suspects in the killing of Omar Faruk, a youth wing official of the ruling Awami League.

Following the murder, local people vandalised refugee shops and staged protests in one of multiple camps now home to a total of more than 900,000 Muslim Rohingya who have fled oppression in neighbouring Myanmar.

In a statement released late Monday in Geneva, the six specially appointed UN experts on rights issues backed Bangladesh's probe into the murder of Faruk.

But they added, "it is equally necessary to ensure that the presumption of innocence is upheld and that reactionary, summary and ad hoc justice is not doled out solely to placate the legitimate concerns of the host community."

"We urge the Bangladeshi government to carry out an

independent, impartial and effective investigation into all deaths that have occurred with regards to this case," they said.

Police inspector Ali Arshad told AFP at least 40 Rohingya have been killed in Bangladesh since July last year. Of those, at least 33 were killed by Bangladeshi security forces in gunfights and another seven were killed in shootouts among Rohingya groups, he said.

Rights groups have accused Bangladesh police of staging many of these gunfights as a cover for the extrajudicial killings of Rohingya, mainly suspects in drug smuggling. The UN experts also expressed "serious concerns" over "tight new restrictions" and a communication clampdown in all refugee camps, where there is an effective internet blackout.

The clampdown follows the failure of a new attempt to repatriate some of the refugees and an August 25 rally in which some 200,000 Rohingya marked two years since the exodus.

The UN experts said that since the rally, a number of organisers have been questioned and subjected to "intimidation".

"We are alarmed by the sudden crackdown of the rights to freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association," they said.

"Trump said the US was

Ayatollah Khamenei rules out talks with US 'at any level'

AFP ■ TEHRAN

Iran's Supreme Leader on Tuesday ruled out negotiations with the US "at any level", as tensions mounted between the arch-foes after Washington blamed Tehran for attacks on Saudi oil installations.

Ayatollah Sayyid Ali Hussein Khamenei said the US adopted a policy of "maximum pressure" on Iran because it believes it cannot bring the Islamic republic to its knees through other means.

The leader was speaking after devastating drone attacks at the weekend that halved oil output of Iran's regional arch-rival Saudi Arabia — the world's top crude exporter.

"The policy of 'maximum pressure' against the Iranian nation is worthless and all Islamic Republic of Iran officials unanimously believe there will be no negotiations with the US at any level," he said in an address.

Tensions between Iran and the US and its allies have threatened to boil over since May last year when President Donald Trump abandoned a 2015 nuclear deal and began reimposing sanctions in its campaign of "maximum pressure".

Iran responded by scaling back its commitments under the landmark accord, which gave it the promise of sanctions relief in return for limiting the scope of its nuclear programme.

Trump said the US was



NATO chief 'extremely concerned' after attacks on Saudi

Baghdad: NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg said Monday he was "extremely concerned" about escalating tensions following strikes on Saudi oil facilities at the weekend, accusing Iran of destabilising the region.

Speaking to AFP in Baghdad, Stoltenberg's comments were his first on the strikes on two major Saudi oil facilities, which were claimed by Yemen's Houthi rebels but which both Washington and Riyadh have blamed on Tehran.

"We call on all parties to prevent any such attacks occurring again because that can have negative consequences for the whole region, and we are also extremely concerned about a risk of escalation," the Secretary General said. AFP

ready to help Saudi Arabia after the attacks that halted about six percent of the world's oil supply and triggered a record leap in crude prices.

Facebook suspends Bib's chatbot for sharing polling information

Jerusalem: Social media giant, Facebook, on Tuesday suspended Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Facebook chatbot for the second time in less than a week, this time for "violating local laws".

Facebook suspended Netanyahu's chatbot for the remainder of election day after it illegally shared polling information, the Times of Israel reported.

"We're working with elections officials around the world to help ensure the integrity of the elections. Our policy explicitly states that developers are required to obey all laws applicable in the country where their application is accessible," a spokesperson for Facebook was quoted by the news portal as saying.

"Therefore we've suspended the (Netanyahu) bot's activity, in light of the violation of local law, until the close of the polls at 10 PM on Tuesday," he added.

The social media giant had suspended a chatbot operated by Netanyahu's official page for violating "hate speech policies" last Thursday after a message spread by his campaign warned that Arab Israeli politicians want to annihilate us all. PTI

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The Panipat Coop. Sugar Mills Ltd. Panipat						
Purchase item for Sugar Mill						
1		Nylon Rubber Belt (M-24) for RBC Bagasse			2.00	
2		Rate Contract for Oxygen & D.A. Cylinder			80.00	00.50
3		Pumps & Pumps Spares			2.00	
4		Purchase for Distillery Unit			10.00	
5		Pet Bottle			400.00	
6		Wooden Chips			250.00	
7		P.P.Seals			52.75	
8		Job Works for Sugar Mills				
9		Filling & Packing of small P.P. Bag (10 kgs. & 20 kgs.)			2.00	
10		Removal Binding Material from Cane			5.00	
11		AMC of Instrument (Season 2019-20)			2.00	
Job Works for Distillery Unit						
12		Removal & Shifting of Sludge from Spent Wash Lagoon			5.00	
13		Transportation of Country Liquor			40.00	
14		AMC & Operation of Ethanol Plant			9.00	
15		AMC & Operation of MEE Plant			20.00	
16		Contract for Operation of various station of sugar mill during season 2019-20			80.00	1.80
17		Contract for engaging out source agency to provide main power against various technical post of sugar mill during season 2019-20 & Distillery Unit from 01-10-2019 to 30-09-2020			72.00	1.80

The detailed tender have already been uploaded on the website <https://etenders.hry.nic.in>. The tender should be filled on the above website on or before 24-09-2019 up to 12:30 PM. The "TECHNICAL BID" will be opened on 24-09-2019 at 01:00 PM. If a tenderer qualifies in "TECHNICAL BID" then only "FINANCIAL BIDE" will be opened. The Negotiation, if necessary will be held in the presence of lowest tenderer or his representative who may be present at that time on 25-09-2019 at 11:00 AM.

Managing Director

Director of Chanakya IAS Academy, AK MISHRA lists mistakes that aspirants should avoid making while preparing for the Civil Services

WARD OFF ERRORS

Making mistakes is common. But, if you are a CSE aspirant here are a few mistakes that students should avoid in order to ace the exam.

Following the herd mentality: Given the degree of competition and the ensuing unpredictability in the civil service examination conducted by UPSC, the decision of entering into this arena is a big decision by all measures. Since the preparation for Civil Services Examination is going to be like a marathon race, one should always have the right and sustainable reasons for starting the preparation and keep going in it and not having the superficial and unsustainable reasons like peer pressure, parental expectations, power, prestige, money or other associated perks. Decide after a thorough analysis of the various job profiles, your preferences of service to get clarity of purpose for which you are going to work hard in the coming years. Also try to have awareness about the role of bureaucracy in India's administrative structure, work culture, degree of discretion and ensuing ability to bring changes at multiple levels. Do not have a utopian image of being the only change agent in a multi-layered and diverse Indian Society.

If possible, interact with serving or retired bureaucrats to get the first-hand account about the challenges and opportunities associated with these jobs and do introspection and start the preparation once you are convinced, as only the internal motivation coming out of these reasons will be sustainable in long term.

Creating social hype about your

CSE preparation: Civil servants (especially IAS/IPS) in India enjoy enviable social status (being an indicator of our developing society where still a huge majority of the population is dependent on the state for getting their day to day concerns addressed). Just the news about your CSE preparation is bound to create a lot of hype around you and arouse expectations and scepticism of a very high degree. This will increase the pressure on you which may become unmanageable and affect your performance which must be avoided given that the examination preparation itself is highly demanding. So, keep the decision of starting and ongoing preparation as closely guarded secret as possible, more so for working aspirants.

Not having an understanding of the syllabus, demand of the examination and criteria for selecting optional: Once decided to prepare for this examination, an aspirant should give due time to have a clear understanding of the pattern, syllabus and demand of the examination.

Optional marks play a huge role in the given scheme of things, thus its selection deserves due deliberation based on various parameters like your graduation subject (select if you are good at it and feel confident by looking at previous year questions), interest in the subject (for getting a feel of various subjects one can read the basic books on that subject), availability of study material and guidance. Take a reasonable time in deciding your optional, but once selected one should have unwavering faith in that optional and that is bound to pay off.

WHILE READING AND REVISING BASIC AND REFERENCE BOOKS, ONE SHOULD REFER TO PREVIOUS YEAR'S QUESTIONS TO HAVE CLARITY ON THE TYPE AND LEVEL OF QUESTIONS ASKED

Underestimating the importance of NCERTs and daily newspaper reading: NCERTs of relevant subjects are the base of preparation for CSE. Multiple reasons are there: direct question in examination (Preliminary as well as Main), the authenticity of the content and simple language. Given the importance of NCERT books, one should not look for the shortcuts here and thoroughly read the NCERT books along with their multiple revisions.

Similarly, daily reading of newspapers is a must due to multiple reasons — repeated and threadbare analysis of important issues makes one read them multiple times and revise them without doing this separately, developing multidimensional perspective, lots of real examples to quote in all papers of Main exam, enriched vocabulary which is specific and meaning loaded enabling aspirant to mention more points in main exam using less words, thus saving time and space while fetching those crucial extra marks. The monthly current affairs modules (as making daily notes from the newspaper may not be possible for all aspirants) may only organise or consolidate your current affairs knowledge, as one would have already read them in the newspaper. This will make one's knowledge base more diverse and consolidated.

Not optimising the study material and sources to refer (especially online sources): In the present context, any new aspirant is bound to be bogged down by the enormity of study material available online as well offline and will not even realise how her/his

precious time is wasted in running after material. So, aspirants should optimise the reference sources (for example — for GS papers — NCERTs as basic book and one reference book) with credible guidance and religiously stick to that.

Delayed and improper approach towards mock test practice (Preliminary exam) as well as main answer writing practice: While reading and revising the basic and reference books, one should refer to the previous year's question to have clarity on the type and level of questions asked from those topics. After this one should start practicing mock tests. Generally, aspirants think that they will practice once they feel confident about the syllabus being completed, but what actually happens is that either that day never comes or comes too late to be effective. The purpose of rigorous mock test practice is to have mental practice enabling to eliminate options in multiple-choice questions using the accumulated knowledge base; not that you will get direct questions from the mock test in the official examination.

Similarly, for the main examination, answer writing should not be delayed until the last moment (though its timing may vary, but it must be started after writing the preliminary examination). This ensures that the candidate is able to finish the paper on time in a structured way maintaining proper priority sequence of various points being written in the answer.

The writer is Director & Founder, Chanakya IAS Academy

QUOTE OF THE DAY

The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you'll go.
— DR SEUSS

CULINARY ARTS

Indian School of Hospitality in collaboration with At-Sunrice GlobalChef Academy, Singapore, invites applications for diploma in Pastry & Bakery and diploma in Culinary Arts.

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Education and Career Times invites applications for admissions to its content writing courses in 2019-2020 session.

Eligibility: Anyone who has appeared for or passed Class XII exam can enroll for content writing courses at ECT. Candidates should be able to read and understand English language to be eligible to attend the class.

How to apply: Log on to <https://ect.co.in> or candidates can download the brochure for free from the website or visit the study center in Connaught Place, New Delhi. A short counseling session will be held to help the students decide the right writing style. Post counseling session, the students can take admission by paying the fee in two installments.

Last date to apply: October 15, 2019.

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Duration: Two years
Eligibility: 50 per cent marks in any stream at graduation level from a recognised university with pass in English in Class XII.

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Duration: One year
Eligibility: 50 per cent marks in any stream at graduation level from a recognised university with pass in English in Class XII.

How to apply: Log on to www.manavrachna.edu.in.

Time to reboot education

Majority of the country's MBAs have little or no understanding of the most elementary management concepts, says ASHISH MUNJAL

India's education system has its successes and failures however the latter far out weight the former. Perhaps the most striking example of this failing is that the majority of the country's MBAs — who are expected to have a nuanced understanding in the newest business techniques — often have little or no knowledge of the most elementary management concepts. Also, rather than being taught practical skills that help solve real business challenges, most Indian MBA students are taught theory which is often outdated and irrelevant.

Of even graver concern is that MBA graduates from hundreds of colleges don't have the basic skills to thrive in corporate settings. It's not uncommon to find MBA graduates lacking the knowhow to use everyday software like MS Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. While there are several reasons why Indian management education is failing so many students, a few that deserve to be remarked upon are provided below.

Curriculum is Obsolete: An MBA programme is meant to train young minds to solve the business challenges of tomorrow. The curriculum is meant to be rigorous and must incorporate the latest findings



from the world of business. In practice, MBA programmes in most Indian colleges are antiquated and have remained unchanged for years and sometimes even decades. Students who graduate from such programmes expect to reach the upper echelons of the corporate world yet in practice they have little or no practical skills of use to employers. Certainly graduates from leading business schools are armed with skills that help them succeed, however, the number admitted to such schools are a fraction of total MBA enrolments nationwide. Hence

upon completion of their MBA, most students who believe they are assured of financial success shortly are disappointed when they apply for jobs with leading companies.

Little or no industry interaction: For a student to succeed in the corporate world he or she must gain the pulse of the industry even before working in it. Sadly many MBA programmes provide no interaction between students and industry. Without such interaction students aren't able to contextualise their subjects concerning their applications

in industry. Hence many students complete an entire programme without understanding why they are studying the subjects taught.

Poor quality faculty: Yet another reason why the education system is failing so many students is that faculty in numerous colleges don't have skills to prepare students for the real world. Many faculties in professional postgraduate programmes in India are nearly uninterested in their jobs as educators. Hence their lack of enthusiasm for teaching is obvious to pupils who subsequently lose interest in learning. It's also not uncommon to find faculty that is eager to teach but lacks the skills to effectively do so.

Today's jobs are more demanding than ever before yet this is a reason for cheer because students who have the right skills are poised for stellar careers. However, too many today in the education system are under the assumption great things lie ahead because they're enrolled in professional courses while the reality is quite the opposite. If the education system is to be fair to all stakeholders especially its biggest stakeholders, students, it must tackle the challenges described above.

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How to ace SSC JE

With the exam at the doorstep, AKHAND SWAROOP PANDIT shares tips that may help students crack it

The Staff Selection Commission (SSC) of India annually conducts SSC JE exam to recruit eligible candidates for the post of Junior Engineer in multiple Engineering Departments such as Mechanical, Civil, Electrical and Quantity Surveying and Contract. A computer-based Government exam, SSC JE is conducted in two phases — Paper 1 (objective) and Paper 2 (descriptive). While Paper 1 comprises of three sections — General Intelligence & Reasoning, General Awareness, and General Engineering, Paper 2 consists of only one section, General Engineering.

Candidates must have a clear idea on the preparation strategy because cracking the exam requires a lot of patience, focus, practice and, of course, a smart plan that one needs to follow dedicatedly. Here are some tips that may help a candidate crack this exam and secure their career:

■ A candidate needs to strongly focus on theory and formula-based questions in order to crack the technical part of the first phase. To excel in this area, one needs an in-depth understanding of all the technical concepts of their respective fields (mechanical, civil, electrical, Quantity Surveying). More importantly, practice solving the preced-



ing years' question papers, available on the internet or from any standard book; this is a must.

■ To prepare for the non-technical part of this section, a candidate should mainly focus on current affairs, particularly of the last six months. This includes subjects like Indian Geography (map-based questions), modern history, and important articles based on politics. The reasoning part is comparatively easier than other sections; a candidate just needs basic understanding of the concepts to score well.

■ Part 2 of SSC JE is subjective where a candidate has to answer questions in a detailed manner yet be succinct in their approach. This will require a lot of conventional practice as compared to the previous sections. Analyse the syllabus

and point out the core topics of your domain. The test will not include questions from every topic, hence it is critical for candidates to go for the most important topics only.

■ Remember, this test has high failure rates due to candidates' poor writing skills. It's thus important to work on it too. Best is to solve the previous year's question papers of IES and SSC JE and revise the core topics on a weekly basis.

■ Finally, always choose your questions wisely because a tough question can take a lot of time. Hence it's advisable to efficiently use your time by primarily selecting those questions that you are confident to solve. The best way to prepare for it is frequently taking mock tests.

The writer is Founder & CEO, Catalyst Group

Science awareness fair

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The three-day Science Awareness Fair 2019 at the Ramkishan Institute School Campus located in local Sanjay Nagar Sector 23 concluded on September 15, 2019.

The fair was organised jointly by Special Data Research Technology and RKI. Thirty Hospitality schools participated in this fair. At the fair, Bloom Public School took the first rites and Green Field finished third. Apart from this, all the schools participating in this fair were encouraged by giving consolation prizes.

On this occasion, the chief guest, Deputy Director of Food Processing and Horticulture Department, Pankaj Kumar said that only new experiments in the field of science lead to progress in science. He said that the intellec-



Guest honouring school students

tual level of students also increases with this type of organisation. In the same sequence, Dr Alok Garg, Director of RKI and Dr Malti Garg, Principal of the school, said that science is the greatest need of humanity today. Project Director Dr Sudhanshu Rai appreciated the teachers and management committee of the school for the success of the fair.

Show and tell competition

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Show and tell competition was organised for the children of nursery wing of Delhi Public School Indrapuram. Children participated enthusiastically in this competition. As a part of the already running ISA project, the theme of healthy food versus junk was set for the competition.

During this, the children put in great efforts. Wearing a symbolic dress of green vegetables and fruits related to healthy food. Wearing symbolic dress like junk food like noodle and soft drink.



The presentation of children on this occasion was very spectacular. The teachers and staff of the school greatly appreciated the presentation of the children. After this, the child who performed brilliantly in the competition was awarded the Certificate of

Appreciation. At the same time, 'I too did well' batches were given to increase the morale of all the children.

Sangeeta Hazela, Principal of DPS Indrapuram said that the presentation of the children was very impressive. Such competitions raise the morale of children. Because children learn very quickly through competitions. And the urge to learn the same always prevails in children. It is our endeavor to have more and more competitions organised so that children continue to perform well.

Empowering educators

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) keeping in view the invaluable contribution made by the teachers in guiding the youth of our country, organised Teachers Conference on the Theme Empowering Educators at New Delhi on September 17, 2019.

Sanjay Shamrao Dhotre, Minister of State for Human Resource Development was the Chief Guest. Dhotre commended ICSI for creating such

interactive platforms to provide a new and different perspective and hone the skills of that segment of the society which in turn hones the entire society. Initiative of ICSI shall go a long way in shaping the education methodologies adopted in the times to come.

CS Ashish Garg, Vice President, ICSI said: 'I would take this opportunity to thank them for their dedication in serving the society and this nation. It is the teachings and the values shared by you that shall form the foundation of the future of this country.'



YOUR SKILLS, YOUR FUTURE

The future workplace is going to demand new ways of thinking. DR GAYATHRI VASUDEVAN tells you how

Today's markets and the lives of students are very different from the need of the emerging markets and the students for whom the existing education systems were developed. In such scenarios, there is a persisting question that needs to be answered — how can education best prepare the youth to navigate their way through an increasingly interconnected, complex and demanding market and the world in which the theoretical recall will matter less than their ability of understanding perspectives and benefit unconventional job roles.

India is encountering unique social, economic and environmental challenges driven by accelerating globalisation and a faster rate of technological sophistication. At the same time, those strengths are presenting us with myriad new possibilities for work and human advancement.

Education is going through an extensive change. A range of national models, forms and arrangements have developed to cope with the accelerated technological advancements and the dynamic needs of the labour

market. Transforming social paradigms and environments have modified students' motives and career expectations, highlighting on a qualitative change in the workforce towards human resources furnished to a high degree of skills in diversified vocational courses.

Vocational education, or skills-based, education is getting relevant today, with several employers demanding new employees to possess all the necessary practical skills they require to start work and to support their families shortly after senior secondary education.

In India, we believe that education is critical for nation-building. It is also a well-accepted fact that imparting appropriate knowledge and skills to the youth can secure the overall national development and economic growth. The Indian education system recognises the role of education and particularly vocational education.

Given the rapid technological development, vocationalisation of education implies the introduction of diversified technical and vocational education programmes, which need

VOCATION-BASED EDUCATION OF DEVELOPING POSITIVE ATTITUDES AND INTERESTS IN STUDENTS FOR SOME DEFINITE VOCATIONAL WORK DURING THEIR POST-SCHOOL STAGE IS KEY

to be designed not as narrowly conceived. Vocationally based education of developing positive attitudes and interests in students for some definite vocational work during their post-school stage is the key.

It helps individuals to be more productive through preparation for specific competencies in different vocations. It can't, however, be equated with mere technician training, it is essentially education in the broader sense of the term. It prepares individuals for understanding the social needs and conditions, and to realise their potentiality so that both can be correlated for bringing about the economic development of the country in particular and creating an atmosphere of self-realisation of individuals and prosperity of the nation in general.

To make vocations aspirational, it is essential to alter the fundamental thought process of people very early on with suitable interventions. Need for vocational professionals is demanded more than ever in numerous industries such as auto repair, woodworking, carpentry, blacksmith, cosmetology, retail,

tourism, information technology, funeral services, as well as in the traditional crafts and cottage industries. There are several benefits of vocational education.

■ Technical programmes develop the economy by bridging the demand and supply gap with skilled workers. It allows students to take marketable skills from the classroom directly into the working world.

■ Majority of vocational skills are relevant all over the world, and hence generate many employment opportunities in foreign countries.

■ School drop-outs and adults can receive this type of education as it offers opportunities to learn a skill or trade. There are many well-paid careers for which a college degree is not required.

■ Better vocational education also draws foreign investment and foreign exchange in the form of international conglomerates and students.

■ Hands-on work activities allow direct application of experience and acquired knowledge.

The writer is chairperson and co-founder of LabourNet

'Plenty of options to choose from'

SHALINI SAKSENA speaks with SUKHJIT SINGH ANAND about why students should opt for studying in Germany

■ From working in an automobile industry to an education consultant. How did that happen?

The Calculus was established in 1985 as a first retail outlet for personal computers in Regal Building, New Delhi. From there, I went on to be a part of several other businesses. In 2006, my son was looking for options to do his MBA from an international university. Like any other parent, I too looked at countries like the US and the UK. That is when I decided to become a consultant for the US, the UK and Germany. After working in this sector for sometime, I finally decided to just concentrate on promoting Germany as nobody was promoting this country. I like to diversify in an area where no one is working. There are 400 State-funded colleges. They offer 15,000 courses, out of these 1,000 are in English. Their colleges/universities are 100 to 2,000 years old.

■ How are you different from other consultants?

We are the largest German education consultants of India. The others are consultants who promote the US, the UK and Australia where education is commercial. The consultant firms in India work on a commission basis. They try and push the students to opt for colleges/universities and countries from where they get maximum benefit. In Germany, education is free, they offer no commission. Therefore, we charge a fee from the student.

■ What is your fee? What does it include?

We charge ₹60,000. This fee is entirely refundable if the student fails to secure a place in a college. We guide the student through the entire process like how to secure a bank loan; then the visa process. We guide him through the health insurance since Indian health insurance will not work. We also arrange for his accommodation. Once he comes to us, he doesn't have to go anywhere. No other consultant offers this kind of service.

■ Why do the students need a loan if education is free?

Bank loan is for the first year German language and their stay for that year. The course can begin only after they student has learnt the language. This costs ₹6-7 lakh. The language institute arranges for college admission so the student is carefree. The student needs to open an account in the country with ₹10,000 (₹8 lakh approximately) to study in the country. Then there is visa. The ticket cost is ₹30,000. Our fee is ₹60,000 plus 18 per cent GST.

Germany has 13 years of schooling as opposed to 12 in India. The student has to do a Foundation year which is free. But this course is taught in another college from where



Sukhjith Singh Anand
Managing Partner, The Calculus

he will do his bachelors. This is basically similar to what the student has done in Class XII. The student has to make arrangement for stay (₹6 lakh for a year) since he can't work while doing his Foundation course.

In ₹25 lakh he can do his bachelors and masters. There is a provision for the student to work part-time and earn ₹15 per hour up to 20 hours a week when he is in the college. In a month, he can earn up to ₹1,400 that can go towards his stay and other expenses.

■ What is the procedure?

Before a student can actually start his course, he has to first learn German for one year. Learning the language is not tough for Indian students as it is somewhat similar to English. After that, they can pursue their graduation and/or PG in German language. Also, 90 per cent students go to Germany for engineering which is for three years. Around 80 per cent of the course is practical, only 20 per cent is theoretical. It is not very difficult for our students to follow these theory classes.

■ What about a job?

There is a website: www.make-it-in-germany.com. This site will give you a list of number of jobs available in a particular sector. The country also allows you to stay for 18 months to look for a job which one can get in under six months. There is campus placement for students who excel. Some students may end up with a job even before they complete their programme.

Indian graduates who have studied in the UK say that they earn above average salaries in their work life. Fifty-one per cent of all Indians graduating from the UK say they earn above or well above average and 90 per cent of women in this group say they earn average or above. 60 per cent of Indian respondents surveyed said they were in their current jobs because it was exactly the type of work they wanted to do, with 82 per cent saying they are satisfied or very satisfied with their careers.

"The job satisfaction of UK graduates is higher, because chances of getting the job of one's choice markedly increases. I think this also leads to more effective work performance and logically, more recognition for one's work. The

likelihood of UK graduates working in India in managerial roles was 23 per cent higher than the global average," said Vivienne Stern, Director, Universities UK International (UUKI), which is the collective body representing more than 130 universities from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

A delegation of senior representatives from 20 UK universities is currently in India to engage Indian stakeholders to understand the vision and priority areas of the Indian Government, governing bodies and higher education institutes to assess the role UK universities and the UK can play to further strengthen the relationship and identify shared priorities for future collaboration particularly in education and research. This

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delegation is supported by the UK-India Education Research Initiative (UKIERI) and is believed to be the largest delegation of its kind in at least a decade.

This data was released in the Indian Graduate Outcomes 2019 study, conducted by UUKI. Close to 1,000 Indian students of a total of 16,000 students from different nationalities who had completed their studies between January 2011 and July 2016 were surveyed to understand their experience of studying in the UK, their satisfaction with their education and their current jobs. The top ten nationalities (as a percentage of

respondents) in the study include United States of America, China, India, Germany, Nigeria, Greece, Malaysia, Italy, France and Romania representing 45 per cent of the respondent base.

The number of Indian and international students heading to UK for an education is on the rise. There has been a 42 per cent increase in the number of Indian students going to the UK for studies, in one year according to the latest immigration statistics released by the UK Home Office.

This sentiment is echoed world over, with London voted the best city for students

in 2019 in the QS Best Student Cities Rankings report.

"As the UK's international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities, the British Council encourages student mobility with close to 500 scholarships each year. In addition, we also facilitate and support research collaborations and partnerships between educational institutions in the two countries every year," said Barbara Wickham OBE, Director India, British Council.

Sameer Pitalwalla, CEO - Culture Machine, and a UK Alumni from India said, "Studying in the UK is beyond just what you learn at university, (it is) the experiences that you get with the people that you meet."

Survey responses show that a UK

education also provides benefits beyond employment and career goals, providing possible greater thrust to the sustainability and economic goals of their countries of work/home country.

Seventy per cent of Indian respondents felt they were better equipped to address issues of equitable access to sustainable development. 65 per cent felt they were better equipped to address issues of human rights, good governance and societal justice, while 69 per cent felt they were better equipped to address issues of sustainable economy and society. India respondents were slightly more positive than respondents globally where the corresponding data was at 64 per cent, 65 per cent and 66 per cent respectively.



The University of Melbourne is offering approximately 2,000 Melbourne Mobility Awards for the eligible students. International students who are undertaking the overseas study as part of their UG or graduate coursework course are eligible for this scholarship.

Eligibility: The candidate must be enrolled at the University of Melbourne in either an undergraduate degree or a graduate coursework degree. Applicant intends to study overseas as part of a University of Melbourne Exchange or short term programme or a University of Melbourne subject with an overseas component that will be credited towards your University of Melbourne degree. Applicant must apply for a Melbourne Mobility Award before the commencement of the overseas study programme.

How to apply: To apply for the opportunity applicant must submit an online application form.

Application deadline: December 31, 2019

The University of Alberta, Canada, is offering

bursary. The bursary is available for high achieving international candidates and also has the purpose of supporting candidates by offering some discount in their undergraduate degree course.

Award: Up to \$9,000
Eligibility: An interested candidate must be studying at UAlberta on a Student Visa Permit. CV, statement of intent and writing samples, GRE GMAT or other test scores and reference letter should be submitted in a PDF file. Applicants need to complete their academic qualification for studying an undergraduate degree programme. Language requirement: The candidates should be very proficient in the English language.

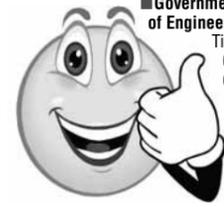
How to apply: For receiving this award, the candidates have to take admission in an undergraduate degree program at the university. After that, on the bases of their academic achievement, they will be notified of their award offer after receiving an admission offer from the university.

Application deadline: The deadlines are as follows—
■ July 1 for September admission (annual)
■ November 1 for January admission (annual)
■ March 1 for May admission (annual)
■ May 1 for July admission (annual)

STUDY CENTRES

If you have an analytical mind, then a job as a surveyor is just right for you and you can pursue a wide variety of specialisations. They measure and draw what the earth's surface looks like. This is done in the air, sea and underground. Traveling is part of the job that involves indoors and outdoors. A bachelor's degree in surveying, civil engineering, forestry or a similar field is required for most surveying positions. Besides studying at Indian Institute of Surveying & Mapping, a few more colleges to study are:

- Central College of Engineering and Management, Raipur. Course: BE Civil Engineering
- Sagar Institute of Science, Technology and Research, Bhopal. Course: BE Civil Engineering
- Nagarjuna Institute of Engineering, Technology and Management, Nagpur. Course: BE Civil Engineering
- Radharaman Institute of Technology and Science: Department of Engineering, Bhopal. Course: BE Civil Engineering
- Karavali Institute of Technology, Mangalore. Course: BE Civil Engineering
- Maher University (Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research): Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Madurai. Course: BE Civil Engineering
- Anna University, Chennai. Course: BE Civil Engineering
- National College of Engineering, Tirunelveli. Course: BE Civil Engineering
- Government College of Engineering, Tirunelveli. Course: BE Civil Engineering



PHOTOGRAPHY AT SPORTZCONSULT

Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/1621653
Application deadline: September 23, 2019

DIGITAL MARKETING AT CHIPIN CORPORATION

Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹5,000-₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/1621654
Application deadline: September 24, 2019

GRAPHIC DESIGN AT BORED MARKERS

Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹5,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/1621655
Application deadline: September 23, 2019

CONTENT WRITING AT CAKENGIFTS.IN

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹2,000-₹4,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/1621656
Application deadline: September 23, 2019

INTERIOR DESIGN INTERNSHIP IN BANGALORE AT KREIVO INTERIORS

Location: Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹3,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/1621650
Application deadline: September 23, 2019

MARKETING INTERNSHIP AT PROCHAIN TECHNOLOGIES

Location: Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹5,000 per month plus incentives
Link: internshala.com/i/1621651
Application deadline: September 24, 2019

PARAS DRONE SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT AT PARAS AEROSPACE SOLUTIONS

Location: Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹5,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/1621652
Application deadline: September 24, 2019

IN BRIEF

ASPIRATION FACTOR FOR FINTECH EXPERTISE

The Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta (IIM Calcutta) and TalentSprint released an analysis report on the aspiration factor for FinTech expertise among professionals. The key insights:

- 78% of the professionals aspiring to build FinTech expertise are in leadership and managerial roles
- More than half

the professionals are from Banking and Financial Services, indicating that it is the most disrupted industry

■ 20% of the demand comes from professionals in the IT and Consulting industry indicating that they are driving the disruption in BFSI

■ Professionals with over 10 years of experience seem to understand the disruptive impact of FinTech the most and are highly motivated to ride the FinTech wave

The report is based on data collected from 1500 professionals.

POST-STUDY UK WORK VISA WELCOMED

The Newcastle University has welcomed the announcement that a new post-study work visa would allow international students to work in the UK for two years after graduation. There is

no restriction on the kinds of jobs they can seek and no cap on numbers.

Welcoming the announcement, Professor Richard Davies, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Global said: "As an international university tackling global

challenges through our teaching and research, we need different perspectives, outlooks, ideas, and opinions. That's why we are delighted that international students can now look for work for up to two years after their degree is completed."

UDEMY ANNOUNCES BUSINESS PLAN

Udemy announced the launch of its corporate learning solution — Udemy for Business, in India — a subscription that includes 3,500 of Udemy's highest-rated business and technical courses. Irwin Anand, MD Udemy, India said: "The launch of Udemy for Business in India is perfectly timed as companies look to ensure their employees remain competitive in the global economy. We've seen tremendous growth in

our consumer business and the launch of our business offering ensures Indian companies can invest in upskilling their employees with the global skills needed to succeed today and in the future."

Leading companies in India, including Wipro, Tech Mahindra, and Tetrasoft are using Udemy so their employees can deliver the most innovative solutions for their customers.

DOUBT CLEARING COURSE

Ninety per cent or more of the school teachers are unable or unavailable to solve the problems of the students due to sheer paucity of time versus the intensity of the syllabus to be completed. Opting for tuitions, a costly and exclusive privilege has become a basic requirement for students right from Class VI. It only gets worse for those aspiring to appear for competitive exams. The common problem is that the students are still not able to get personalised attention to match their speed of comprehension or clear individual doubts.

BasicFirst, is an aptitude based personalised learning platform using the adaptive learning, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Data Science and 100 years of combined classroom teaching experience. It offers students a solution who can't have the luxury of personal tuitions or get the support of parents, is to be in touch with someone who is dependable, trained and an expert faculty to guide the students.

The doubt clearing programme is organised to address all student-related queries. The programme covers all competitive exams (JEE Advanced, JEE Main, NEET, BITSAT, ACT, WBJEE, SAT, HBBVS, NDA, AIMS) and Classes (VI to XII) for all the Boards (CBSE, ICSE, and State Boards).

Students are first assessed and then assisted to choose the most suited package depending on their needs. Learning then becomes a fully live and continuous activity as they can access the experts' guidance via live video or chat or using any convenient communication medium from the comfort of their home and time of choice.

AFP ■ PARIS

The visit of Real Madrid to the French capital today means a glamour tie for Paris Saint-Germain to begin their Champions League campaign but a meeting with the Spanish side also brings back unhappy memories.

When the clubs last met in Europe two seasons ago, a PSG side missing an injured Neymar were dumped out in the last 16.

Clock is ticking

With Neymar staying and Icardi in, PSG hope to finally deliver in Europe



That was one of three consecutive exits in the first knockout round for PSG, who have failed to make their mark on the Champions League despite all the money spent by their Qatari owners. So the inevitable question at the start

of another continental campaign is can Thomas Tuchel's team this time at least reach a semi-final in Europe's elite club competition?

Last season it was Manchester United who embarrassed PSG. Since 2012 the only teams PSG have beaten in a Champions League knockout tie are Valencia, Bayer Leverkusen and Chelsea.

NEYMAR OVERSHADOWS EVERYTHING

For now, PSG will just be eager to make a statement in their open-

ing match. But with Galatasaray and Club Brugge the other teams in Group A, it would be a monumental surprise if PSG failed to progress, even with Neymar suspended for the first two matches.

The world's most expensive player has overshadowed everything else at the club in recent months, with the saga of his hoped-for move back to Barcelona and then his return to action at the weekend, featuring a brilliant winner against Strasbourg in response to boos from angry supporters.

There is no doubt the presence of Neymar gives PSG a far greater chance of winning the biggest prize in European club football, as long as he stays fit.

As well as Neymar's suspension against Real, Kylian Mbappe is still out with a hamstring injury, but the arrival of Mauro Icardi has added another explosive element to their attack.

Icardi was prolific for Inter before being stripped of the club captaincy last season amid a contract dispute. He signed on loan just before the transfer deadline.

It is elsewhere that Paris really needed to strengthen, though.

Tuchel was unable to settle on a first-choice goalkeeper last season between Alphonse Areola

and Gianluigi Buffon. Both have since left and Kaylor Navas has signed from Real Madrid to take over the gloves.

Abdou Diallo has provided an extra option in defence after arriving from Borussia Dortmund.

There has been major surgery in the midfield with the signings of Ander Herrera, Idrissa Gueye and Pablo Sarabia.

Whether Marco Verratti can blend with the newcomers to form a midfield as fearsome as it was in the days when he was flanked by Blaise Matuidi and the peerless Thiago Motta, remains to be seen.

Neymar is still there but, brilliant as he is, PSG know from experience that the Brazilian alone will not win them the Champions League.



Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates after scoring against Napoli. Juve/Twitter

Felix leads charge for revenge

AFP ■ MADRID

Young gun Joao Felix will lead the charge today as his Atletico Madrid seek revenge on Juventus and their old enemy Cristiano Ronaldo in a potentially fiery Champions League opener.

Felix, touted as the heir to Ronaldo's throne, will make his debut in Europe's top competition when the when the Portuguese pair meet at the Wanda Metropolitan, with the La Liga outfit keen to shoot down the five-time Ballon d'Or winner.

Juventus dumped Atletico out of the competition last year as Ronaldo scored a sensational hat-trick that overturned a 2-0 first-leg deficit and put the Italian champions in the quarter finals.

The former Real Madrid man rounded off the evening by celebrating provocatively in front of the away fans at Juve's Allianz Stadium.

Now Felix is charged with bringing the old master down a peg or two.

The 19-year-old has been hailed as the new 'CR7' after his breakout season at Benfica last year, scoring 20 times as the two-time European champions won the Primeira Liga and reached the Europa League quarter finals.

Ronaldo's former manager at Madrid Jose Mourinho is convinced that Atletico bagged a "an incredible player" for a club record fee of 126 million euros (\$142 million).

"I think he can cope. He seems to have a good personality," said Mourinho.

"He's in a good team, surrounded by experienced players, with a manager who knows what he wants. Probably Atletico is a good place for his development."

The noise surrounding Felix was amplified after a sublime pre-season that included a brace in a 2-1 win over Juve, but Felix has shied away from the comparisons.

A poor display in Saturday's 2-0 La Liga loss at Real Sociedad showed that. Despite the obvious promise, it is still too early to speak of Felix and Ronaldo in the same breath.

Felix was hauled off at half-time by Atleti boss Diego Simeone, who said after the defeat -- which cost his side their 100 percent start and top spot in the league -- that "we have young players who have to weigh in more".

Ronaldo, meanwhile, is in a rich vein of form, with six goals in five matches this season for club and country, as he hunts a sixth Champions League title and aims to extend his record total of 126 goals in the competition.

On Wednesday, Felix has a chance to redeem himself and add to the one goal he has scored so far in Atletico colours, even if Ronaldo's achievements seem a long way off.

"I am here to write my own story," Felix said. "Cristiano is Cristiano and I want to be myself".

4 INDIANS MARCH INTO QUARTERS



PTI ■ EKATERINBURG

The Indian juggernaut seemed unstoppable as four boxers, including Asian champion Amit Panghal (52kg), advanced to the quarterfinals with impressive victories to round off an all-win outing at the World Men's Championships here on Tuesday.

Asian Games gold-medallist and second seed Panghal was joined by Asian silver-winner and fifth seed Kavinder Singh Bisht (57kg) and the debutant duo of Commonwealth Games silver-winner Manish Kaushik (63kg) and Sanjeet (91kg).

Panghal defeated Turkey's Batuhan Citici, while Kaushik stunned fourth-seeded Mongolian Chinzorig Baatarsukh, who is an Asian Games silver-medallist and also a two-time medal-winner at the Asian Championships. Both the Indians claimed 5-0 victories.

Sanjeet (91kg) then caused another massive upset by defeating second-seeded Uzbek Sanjar Tursunov 4-1. Tursunov is a bronze-medallist from the previous World Championship besides being an Asian silver-winner.

In the evening session, Bisht defeated Finland's Arslan Khataev 3-2 to claim a second successive quarterfinal spot at the marquee tournament.

Panghal is also chasing a medal in his second World Championship after a quarterfinal finish in 2017. Kaushik and Sanjeet are making their debuts at the showpiece. All four boxers are from the Services Sports Control Board (SSCB).

Second-seeded Panghal, the reigning Asian champion, will next be up against Filipino Carlo Paalam, who had lost to Panghal in the semi-finals of the Asian Games in Jakarta last year. Paalam defeated Korea's Jo Sehyeong in a unanimous verdict in his pre-quarterfinal bout.

Kaushik, on the other hand, will square off against Brazil's Wanderson de Oliveira. Oliveira defeated Japan's Saisuke Narimatsu in his last-16 stage bout.

Sanjeet will be up against seventh-seeded Julio Cesa Castillo Torres of Ecuador. Torres got the better of Hungary's Adam Hamori.

Awaiting Bisht in the last-eight stage is fourth-seeded Englishman Peter McGrail, a former gold-medallist at the European Championships and reigning Commonwealth Games champion. McGrail, who fetched a bronze in the last World Championship, defeated Azerbaijan's Tayfur Aliyev on Tuesday.

"It was a good bout as I fought against an experienced boxer. I will be ready with my strategy for Paalam tomorrow. I dedicate this win to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is celebrating his 69th birthday today," Panghal said after the bout.

Panghal was the first to take the ring for India and in a contest which did not have much of action to start with, he set the ball rolling by using his left hooks to good effect in the opening round.

Citici seemed focussed on a plan to counter-attack but could not execute it.

This was despite the fact that Panghal was lunging at the taller boxer to connect his left straights.

Even though he managed to draw the Indian in, Citici consistently failed to make any impactful contact with his opponent, whose trademark pace once again gave him a decisive edge.

Kaushik, a former national champion, adopted a more cautious approach and waited for his rival to reach out. Baatarsukh fell into the trap quite early and was unable to cope with the Indian's counter-attack.

Kaushik did not change his tactics and the consistent approach paid off for him as frustration became apparent in Baatarsukh's game. Kaushik dominated him in the final three minutes.

"I stuck to the strategy that was given to me by my coaches and I am happy that it got me the result I wanted," Kaushik said.

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1	2019_MCL_149407_1	Printed Stationary	650500.00
2	2019_MCL_149445_1	SUPPLY OF ARMATURE SPARES.	272324.00
3	2019_MCL_149457_1	Procurement of Armoured Cable suitable for using as transmission cable of Telemontoring system.	573480.00
4	2019_MCL_149470_1	SPARES FOR CROWD MOTOR AND EXCITER GENERATOR.	1497400.00
5	2019_MCL_149471_1	Washing of MTK building, Managers Office etc, cleaning of grass, roads and other misc. work at Mine No. 4 under Orient Sub-Area	607593.00
6	2019_MCL_149487_1	Underground Dismantling and transportation of Belt Conveyor Structure and 50mm dia MS Pipe from 12th Incline to Surface at Orient Colliery Mine No-4, OSA, OA, MCL	232550.00
7	2019_MCL_149490_1	Underground Cleaning of fallen coal/shale at different locations in mine and floor cutting in coal for heightening of gallery from 2L/4R to 0L/4R in HR bottom Seam for the purpose of Rescue Competition at Orient Colliery Mine No-4, OSA, OA, MCL	256722.00
8	2019_MCL_149359_1	PROCUREMENT OF DRIVELINES SPARES FOR DUMPER AND WATER SPRINKLER	423667.00
9	2019_MCL_149411_1	SUPPLY OF PICKS FOR LNT SURFACE MINER	364800.00
10	2019_MCL_149450_1	Hiring of One No. of School Bus having minimum seating capacity of 52 PLUS 1 for a period of Two years (i.e.536 Days), 12Hrs/Day engagement, average run of 100Km/Day for use at Talcher Colliery.	2012144.00
11	2019_MCL_149514_1	PROCUREMENT OF FILTER FOR ZW-220 LOADERS	553114.00
12	2019_MCL_149526_1	PROCUREMENT OF SPARES FOR HYDRAULIC TORQUE WRENCH	833724.00
13	2019_MCL_149566_1	PROCUREMENT OF 55 CELLS OF 2.2V/150 AH VRLA BATTERY BANK	414090.00
14	2019_MCL_149576_1	PROCUREMENT OF UPPER AND LOWER HALF CASING WITH FASTENERS (CF9M/STEEL) 200/250 EST	2700000.00
15	2019_MCL_149585_1	PROCUREMENT OF SPARES FOR WIRTGEN SURFACE MINOR	694455.00
16	2019_MCL_147281_1	AMC for maintenance of OH lighting line in the mines premises(from Kansamunda mine site to Tellingha Railway siding, Z patch) including breakdown attending, fault rectification, light fitting dismantling and erection, ENT maintenance for one year	3315076.00
17	2019_MCL_149430_1	Complete renovation of garden light and street light of VIP Guest House and CMD Bungalow of Jagannath Area	1145968.00
18	2019_MCL_149438_1	Renovation of Road Lighting from DAV School main gate to Dera Post Office Chaak under Jagannath Area	974778.00
19	2019_MCL_149511_1	Hiring of HEMMs (Shovel/Dumper/Dozer etc) for Rehandling of OB includ excavation, loading, dumping, spreading, dozing and other allied work at specified area for dumping as per instruction of Project Management of Kaniba OCP Kaniba Area	21165566.00
20	2019_MCL_149495_1	Day to day cleaning and upkeep of 33KV Sub-Station Yard for a period of 02 years (608 Days) at LOCP, IB Valley Area.	643543.00
21	2019_MCL_149561_1	Procurement of Spares for Gearbox for Nandira Colliery MCL,TA	1354131.00
22	2019_MCL_149574_1	Hiring of 01 no. AC running 10 wheel Truck carrying capacity 16 T GVW 25 Tc. Chassis mounted mist blower fog cannon min 40 mtr radial throw along with min. 25KVA DG Set and 12KL water tank and suitable no. of nozzles for LKPOCP Lakharpur Area. MCL	6125759.00
23	2019_MCL_149578_1	Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract and running of air cooled packaged air conditioner of Rajanigandha club of Jagruti vihar colony and Nishigandha club of Anand vihar colony of MCL HQ, Burla for a period of two years	1380722.00
24	2019_MCL_149552_1	PROCUREMENT OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF INSULATING TAPES AND PAPERS FOR CWS(X) TALCHER.	691026.00
25	2019_MCL_149593_1	Supply of BE-1000 Shovel Spares	2839615.00
26	2019_MCL_149472_1	Hiring of one no. of Bolero/Sumo or equivalent covered vehicle (6 plus 1 seater) with AC fitted (Diesel) for 12 hrs duty for a period of two years for Hingula Area.	913607.00
27	2019_MCL_149537_1	SUPPLY OF SPARES FOR Wirtgen Surface Miner	1166717.00
28	2019_MCL_149627_1	Supply of water through water tanker to different locations inside the mine, time office, canteen and other infrastructures under BBSRI OCP under Jagannath Area.(For a period of 02 years).	2028597.00
29	2019_MCL_149652_1	Providing of concrete water loading platform at railway siding No.2 of BBSRI OCP under Jagannath Area.	536635.00
30	2019_MCL_149701_1	Construction of Anganwadi Centre at R and R Site, Boupur under Jagannath Area (Re-tender 2nd time)	962666.00
31	2019_MCL_149636_1	Hiring of 02 no. Air Conditioned 7 seater (6 plus 1) Hard Top diesel jeep or equivalent Covered Vehicle, max 2500 Km run per month, 12 hrs duty for a period of two years (341 days per year) for GM Office, IB Valley Area.	1887912.00
32	2019_MCL_149717_1	Procurement of spares (Governor side are assy, for Man riding and anchor car) of Hauler Man Riding System.	772522.00
33	2019_MCL_149659_1	Supply of Tonner cartridge	372374.00
34	2019_MCL_149708_1	Hiring of one no. AC running covered jeep (Bolero or equivalent) having seating capacity 6 plus 1 on 24 hrs duty basis with deployment of 02 nos. of drivers(having staggered rest) max run 3500 km/month for 02 years (682 days) for Lakharpur OCP LKPA	1353770.00
35	2019_MCL_149581_1	Providing Two wheeler shed at new SILO at Bharatpur OCP.	421757.00
36	2019_MCL_149667_1	Annual repair maintenance and upkeep of Central Workshop IB Valley for the year 2019-20	1949764.00
37	2019_MCL_149705_1	Operation of valve for drinking water supply, cleaning and upkeep of Water Treatment Plant and Old filter plant near MTK Office at Basundhara Area for Two years	2411615.00
38	2019_MCL_149722_1	spares for Leco AC-500 Bomb Calorimeter	764359.00
39	2019_MCL_149761_1	Supply of VHF Walkie Talkie Set at Lingaraj OCP	960285.00
40	2019_MCL_149663_1	Repairing and replacement of Sewer line in A type, old B type and C type quarters of CWS colony at CWS(X) Talcher (Re Tender)	7483954.00
41	2019_MCL_149645_1	Hiring of HEMM(Shovel/Dumper/Doz etc) for remo of all type of mat frm surf top to abov Seam-II in all kind of strat incl. dril, excv, dump, spread, doz and oth all work at spec area for dump as per intru of Proj Mngmt of Bharatpur OCP Bharatpur Area.	4878538665.00
42	2019_MCL_149739_1	Hiring of 01 no. Air Conditioned 7 seater (6 plus 1) Hard Top diesel jeep or equivalent Covered Vehicle, max 2500 Km run per month, 12 hrs duty for a period of two years (341 days per year) for GM Office, IB Valley Area.	943956.00
43	2019_MCL_149750_1	Repairing of plinth protection and surface drainage system around DAV school building, badminton and basketball court, assembly stage, renovation of rcc ramp to the school building to joining the first floor at DAV school under IB Valley Area.	6679622.00
44	2019_MCL_149767_1	Annual repairing and maintenance of B and C type quarters of Old Doctors Colony under IB Valley Area.	682801.00
45	2019_MCL_149789_1	Hiring of one no. AC running covered jeep (Bolero or equivalent) having seating capacity 6 plus 1 on 12 hours duty basis with deployment of one no. driver having staggered rest max run 2500 km/month for 02 years (682 days) for LKP OCP Lakharpur Area	921382.00
46	2019_MCL_149707_1	Day to day repair and maintenance of water supply works at CWS colony CWS IBV for one year 2019-20	297849.00
47	2019_MCL_149754_1	Annual upkeep of CWS colony for one year 2019-20	930409.00
48	2019_MCL_149752_1	Maintenance and development of lawn and garden of Basundhara Township at Basundhara Area for Two years	7882107.00
49	2019_MCL_149807_1	Barbed wire fencing for demarcation of area and miscellaneous work behind the GM office of Lingaraj OCP, Lingaraj Area.	610913.00
50	2019_MCL_149791_1	Transportation of crushed coal by Tipper from CHPs of Lingaraj OCP to Deulbera Siding at Lingaraj OCP Project, Lingaraj Area for a total quantity of 3,00,000 Tc. (3rd Call)	8191560.00
51	2019_MCL_149810_1	Supply of tea to the employees of Project Office, Lingaraj OCP for a period of one year.	264574.00
52	2019_MCL_149817_1	Extension of a Two Wheeler Parking shed inside the premises of G.M Office, Lingaraj Area.	684467.00
53	2019_MCL_149530_1	Annual Maintenance of Lawns Gardens and Plantation Areas at Anand Vihar Township for a period of 02 (two) years. MCL HQ.	7933011.00
54	2019_MCL_149732_1	Repairing/Reconditioning of 06 Nos. Ilder Wheel and 02 nos. Take up Wheel with new bronze bush fitting of EKG-5A Shovel HMB-459 running at Jagannath OCP, Jagannath Area.	453618.00
55	2019_MCL_149759_1	PROCUREMENT OF ANDREW YULE MAKE VCB FIELD SWITCH	457926.00
56	2019_MCL_149769_1	PROCUREMENT OF SPARES FOR PROTECTION INDIA MAKE H T STARTER	785498.00
57	2019_MCL_149855_1	SUPPLY OF CALIBRATION FLUID	98960.00
58	2019_MCL_149872_1	SUPPLY OF SLINGS AND DEE SHACKLES.	100386.00
59	2019_MCL_149848_1	Power supply and rearrangement of power supply to newly constructed stadium by LT overhead line at Basundhara area	253797.00
60	2019_MCL_149763_1	Replacement of CGI sheet roofing of social gathering place of village Khadam under Belpahar OCM of Lakharpur Area.	136052.00
61	2019_MCL_149849_1	Supply, installation and commissioning of 1.5 Ton Split Air Conditioner.	155262.00
62	2019_MCL_149910_1	Procurement of SDL Spares for MCL Talcher Area.	34060.00
63	2019_MCL_149880_1	Hiring of One (01) No. Diesel Mahindra Bolero / Tata Pick up or equivalent cabin seat 4 PLUS 1 and minimum 1 (one) Ton Load capacity in rear load body, Daily 24 hours operation for a period of 02 years for PO Office Pool, Lingaraj OCP, Lingaraj Area	1845492.00
64	2019_MCL_149905_1	Day to day preparation serving etc. at VIP Guest House, new Transit House and Directors Bungalow under Bharatpur Area (Labour rate only) for a period of Two years.	7919017.00
65	2019_MCL_149933_1	Supply of Electromagnetic Water Flow meter at IWSS Lingaraj Area	368700.00
66	2019_MCL_149893_1	Supply of spares for Lnt Komatsu make wheel dozer	118925.00
67	2019_MCL_149894_1	Supply of Clutch and Male clutch FOR PHN SHOVELS	178000.00
68	2019_MCL_149924_1	PROCUREMENT OF DIFFERENT SIZE OF CAST STEEL HEAVY DUTY SLUICE VALVE, NON-RETURN VALVE AND FOOT VALVE	267304.00
69	2019_MCL_150025_1	PROCUREMENT OF HEAVY DOUBLE ARMOURD STEEL BRAIDED HOSE BOTH 8 INCH AND 6 INCH FOR PUMPING ACTIVITIES	371280.00
70	2019_MCL_149962_1	Supply and fixing of 88 nos. energy meter along with updation of wiring in executive quarter of GM Complex and Doctor Colony, IB Valley Area.	1307865.00
71	2019_MCL_149964_1	Supply of spares for Tata Hitachi EX 1200 Hyd. Excavator	2417723.00
72	2019_MCL_150069_1	Supply of spares for AC system fitted with BEML and Lnt Hyd excavators at Lingaraj OCP	315552.00
73	2019_MCL_150090_1	Supply of spares for Lubrication system for BH-60 Dumpers at Lingaraj OCP (Exclusively for OEM/OPMOES)	1281130.00
74	2019_MCL_150102_1	Supply of Tooth Point and spares for TATA EX1200 n ZX450 Hyd excavators at Lingaraj OCP	341222.00

India look to drawing first blood



Ravindra Jadeja bowls during India's nets session ahead of 2nd T20 at PCA Stadium in Mohali on Tuesday

After Dharamshala washout, Men in Blue search first home T20 win against Proteas

PERFORMANCE IN TWENTY-20 CRICKET						
Team (Rankings)	P	W	L	T	N/R	Success%
India (4th)	118	73	41	1	3	63.55
South Africa (3rd)	113	67	44	1	1	60.17
Ind v SA	13	8	5	-	-	61.53

HIGHEST INNINGS TOTALS		
India	203-5 in 20 overs at Johannesburg	18-02-2018
South Africa	219-4 in 20 overs at Johannesburg	30-03-2012

LOWEST INNINGS TOTALS		
India	92 in 17.2 overs at Cuttack	05-10-2015
South Africa	116-9 in 20 overs at Durban	20-09-2007

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORES		
India	106 Rohit Sharma at Dharamshala	02-10-2015
South Africa	78 Colin Ingram at Johannesburg	30-03-2012

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCES		
India	5-24 Bhuvneshwar at Johannesburg	18-02-2018
South Africa	3-12 Albie Morkel at Cuttack	05-10-2015

PTI ■ MOHALI

Rishabh Pant's form would be an important subplot when India look to seize the advantage against South Africa in the second T20 International here on Wednesday after a washout in Dharamshala effectively made the series a two-match affair. The T20 World Cup is more than 12 months away but India captain Virat Kohli has already detailed his plans and expectations from the youngsters in the side. The skipper did not expect to get a bagful of opportunities when he arrived on the international scene and believes the current crop of youngsters also need to make it count in the limited time they are going to get. One of them is 21-year-old Rishabh Pant, who can't be bracketed as a "youngster" anymore having made his

debut back in February 2017. Not a single ball was bowled in the series-opener but there was enough happening on the sidelines and most of it was focussed on Pant. In a chat with the host broadcaster, the message for Pant from the team management was loud and clear: he can't repeatedly throw his wicket away and if he does "there will be a rap on the knuckles". "We'll let him be but at times when you see a shot, like the first ball dismissal in Trinidad (during the tour of West Indies), if he repeats that, then he will be told. There will be a rap on the knuckles, talent or no talent," said head coach Ravi Shastri ahead of the series-opener. With Kohli still very much open to having Mahendra Singh Dhoni back on board, pressure is mounting on Pant to do justice to his rich talent. Considering the circum-

stances, it was not a surprise that Pant had a hit in the nets right after the team flew here from Dharamshala on Monday. Pressure will also be on leg-spinner Rahul Chahar and off-spinner Washington Sundar, both of whom have been picked ahead of Kuldeep Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal for the second straight series. With 20-odd games to go before the World Cup, the Indian team wants to boost its batting which will require number 8, 9 and 10 to score runs on a regular basis, something which has never been India's strength. Will a deep batting line-up compromise India's ability to wake wickets in the middle overs? Only time will tell. It is also an important series for Shreyas Iyer and Manish Pandey, who have been brought back into the side to solidify the middle order. The game will also be an opportunity for Shikhar Dhawan to play a substantial knock, having endured a lean tour of the West Indies by his standards. It is a ground he is fond of, having scored a memorable 187 on his Test debut and more recently a 143 in the ODI against Australia in March this year, albeit in a losing cause. On the other hand, it will be an uphill task for South Africa to beat this Indian side, which has been on a roll for most part. Time in the middle for a team in transition would have been valuable but rain robbed the Proteas of that opportunity in Dharamshala. The Kagiso Rabada-led attack would have to bowl really well to contain the Indian batsmen especially skipper Kohli, who played one of his best knocks against Australia in March 2016, the last T20 played here, to take India to the World T20 semifinals.



Vikram Rathour speaks during press conference ahead of 2nd T20

Fine line between fearless and careless cricket: Rathour

PTI ■ MOHALI

The youngsters in the Indian team have got a clear message from the management — to understand that there is a fine line between "fearless cricket and careless cricket", new batting coach Vikram Rathour said on Tuesday. The message conveyed was directed mainly at the likes of youngsters like Pant, who have been often criticised for his reckless choice of shots. "At times, we over emphasise on technique. It is more about the mindset at this level, getting your gameplan right. As far as Rishabh is concerned, he is a phenomenal player, he just needs to sort out his gameplan, needs to bring in a little bit of discipline in his cricket," said Rathour. "All the young players need to understand that there is a fine line between fearless cricket and careless cricket. What the team management is asking from them is fearless cricket, having clear gameplans and playing with intent but at the same time, you can't be careless. I am sure they are smart enough to understand that." The former selector was reacting to comments from skipper Virat Kohli, who recently said that a youngster should not expect more than five opportunities at the highest level. "They (Kohli and head coach Ravi Shastri) have said five

matches but it is not going to be a specific number. What they meant was that you need to grab your opportunities when you get them. They (youngsters) have played so much of cricket. They have come though after doing so well. I don't think it is a massive issue. The team will be backing them fully." Elaborating more on the expectations from Pant, Rathour said "We want him to play all his shots. That is what makes him special, he is an impact player but at the same time you can't be careless." Shreyas Iyer and Manish Pandey have made a comeback in the middle-order and Rathour is expecting them to seize their opportunities. But could they solve India's middle-order muddle? "Those two are very fine cricketers who have done really well in domestic cricket. Shreyas has got a good start (in ODIs against the West Indies). Manish has done well in the past and made a comeback after performing consistently in domestic cricket. I am confident they will come good, they just need to be more consistent." India have begun their preparations for the T20 World Cup in Australia next year and there is a significant shift in the way they will approach their batting in the shortest format. Kohli wants the team to bat deep, increasing the expectations from spin all-rounders Krunal Pandya and Washington Sundar.

Senior players inspire & motivate us to get better

The experience of playing with the Haryana Steelers has been marvellous. This is my first Pro Kabaddi League and I couldn't have asked for a better team to start my PKL career with. The management is fantastic. Everyone is supportive and motivates one another to perform to the best of their abilities. All players are aware of their responsibilities and each of them execute their plans, therefore there's not much of pressure on the players. I was a bit nervous at the start of the league and therefore I hesitated to carry out my game freely on a few occasions, but, as I kept playing matches, I kept getting better and better. I kept honing my skills with each match and now I feel very confident every time I step on the mat. I have realised that if I follow whatever the coach and captain tell me to do, I will always perform for my team. Vikash Kandola and I discuss before every match about the skills I should work on. We talk about where I should attack to pick up points for the team. Vikash tells me just before I start my raid on the mat — when I should attack and when I should carry out an empty raid. Haryana Steelers' coach Rakesh Kumar has taught me a very important skill this season. He has told me that an immediate reaction is imperative for success in kabaddi. The coach has largely focused on immediate reaction and escape skills this season. Rakesh is very shrewd when it comes to tactics and I have been very lucky to train under him in PKL-7. Being a young player, I wasn't sure that I would get a chance to play. But I knew that if I get a chance then I would definitely make the most of it. I am very pleased with the fact that I have been able to grab my opportunities and be one of the best raiders of Haryana Steelers this season.

I really enjoy playing with established players like Vikash Kandola, Dharmaraj Cheralathan and Prashanth Kumar Rai. Dharmaraj has a fantastic knowledge of match situations. His experience has been invaluable for the team. He knows how the team should react to every situation and keep improving. If Haryana is behind in the scoreline in a certain match, then Dharmaraj knows how the side can make a comeback in the match. The senior players make the strategy for the team, but now I am starting to understand how a team should work out plans before a match. The Pro Kabaddi League is a great platform for youngsters to showcase their skills. The players can test their skills against the best players from around the world. The level of competition is very high and therefore if a youngster performs in this competition then he can certainly gain a lot of confidence for the rest of his kabaddi career. At the moment, I am looking to maintain my fitness and practice regularly. And going forward, I want to represent the Indian kabaddi team. Playing and achieving great heights for my country is the ultimate dream for me. (The writer (VINAY) plays for Haryana Steelers in Pro Kabaddi League season 7)

Double-edged sword

PTI ■ MOHALI

Newly-appointed South African T20 captain Quinton de Kock on Tuesday said the additional responsibility could be a double-edged sword but he is not thinking too much about it. De Kock is one of the senior players in this new-look team and has been handed captaincy in the absence of Faf du Plessis as the management is looking to groom him ahead of the T20 World Cup next year. "Not too concerned to be honest. It is a new stepping stone in my career, gives me extra responsibility. Not sure if it would affect me negatively or positively" said the wicket-keeper batsman ahead of the second T20 against India here on Wednesday. Asked if he is prepared to play the mentor's role in the team, like du Plessis and Ab de Villiers played when he burst on to the scene, de Kock said: "I think they (Faf and ABD) gave me lots of room to play the way I wanted to. I don't see it



Quinton De Kock and Kagiso Rabada during practice session

why that would change without them being here. "Even they in their career have had to do the same thing we are doing. So we will take it as it comes. In the leadership group in the team we have had a chat (on grooming the youngsters). It is under control so far but we are still learning as part of a young leadership group." De Kock said some youngsters could get a longer rope while some may not. "I not going to put a number on it. For some it could be one, for some it could be 10, so can't really say." It has effectively become a two-match series with the series opener in Dharamshala being washed out. "It is a bit of a negative," said de Kock. "We would like to have played three games against the Indian team. Leading into the World Cup, to lose out on a game in different conditions, it is not ideal but it is what it is."



Rohit Sharma in a file picture

Too good to ignore

PTI ■ MOHALI

Newly appointed India batting coach Vikram Rathour feels Rohit Sharma is "too good a player" to not be playing in all three formats and backed him to do well as a Test opener in all conditions. Rohit is one of the greats of white-ball cricket but has had a start-stop Test career. He has been given another opportunity in the five-day format, this time as an opener in the upcoming series against South Africa. "He is too good a player to not be playing in any game. That is what is everyone is thinking. He has done so well in white-ball cricket as an opener so there is no reason why he can't succeed as a Test opener provided he gets enough opportunities," Rathour said ahead of the second T20 against South Africa here on Monday adding that, "If he comes good, he will be a huge asset for the team." Rohit will be getting the opportunity to open in Tests at home but Rathour said the stylish batsman has it in him to succeed overseas also. "At the moment, I am not too sure what the playing eleven for the first Test will be but if Rohit does well and is opening, why not," he said, when asked about the possibility of him opening on overseas tours.

Vinesh to fight for Bronze



Vinesh Phogat in a file picture

PTI ■ NUR-SULTAN (KAZAKHSTAN)

Vinesh Phogat was pushed out of the title race by reigning champion Mayu Mukaida of Japan but one of India's biggest hopes remained in bronze medal hunt in the 53kg category at

the World Wrestling Championship here on Tuesday. Mukaida later reached the final to help Vinesh stay in the medal hunt as well as Tokyo Olympics qualification. Two victories will ensure her place in Tokyo Olympics.

She will now have to beat three wrestlers in the repechage - Yuliia Khavaldzhy Blahinya from Ukraine, world number one Sarah Ann Hildebrandt from Greece to win her first Worlds medal. It was second consecu-

tive defeat for Vinesh against the Japanese this season after losing to the two-time world champion at the Asian Championship in China. Vinesh has CWG and Asian Games titles but is yet to win a medal at the Worlds. "Japan is a wrestling powerhouse. It takes some time to attack these girls. It's about one technique, one move one point that changes the bout. I tried, it did not happen and she succeeded," Vinesh told PTI after her bout. Vinesh said Mukaida was no different from the Asian Championship though she and her coach Woller Akos had plotted the fall of the formidable Japanese. "It happens. But Mukaida is not the only target for me. We focus on all wrestlers. Everyone is tough in 53kg. It's not over yet," said Vinesh.

In another Olympic category, Seema Bisla (50kg) lost her pre-quarterfinal 2-9 to three-time Olympic medalist Mariya Stadnik. Like Vinesh, she too remained in hunt for bronze and Olympic qualification as Stadnik reached the final. "It's not that Mariya was more powerful than me. She is more experienced than me. I have just competed in 5-6 competitions in 50kg. I am learning and will get better," said Seema. In the non-Olympic categories, Komal Gole was too defensive against Turkey's Beste Altug and lost her 72kg Qualification bout 1-4 while Lalita was outplayed 3-10 by Mongolia's Bolortuya Bat Ochir in 55kg. Both Lalita and Komal are now out of the championships since Bolortuya and Altug later lost their quarter-finals.

Paddlers remain in champions division

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The Indian men's team beat Singapore 3-0 in the 5-8 classification match in the ITTF Asian Table Tennis Championships to remain in the champions division of the continental event here on Tuesday. India lost to Japan 1-3 in the quarterfinal on Monday but ensured that it will finish in the top six of the tournament with the win over Singapore on Tuesday. India will thus gain direct entry in the next championships in 2021. India will play Hong Kong on Wednesday in the match for fifth position. "This is an achievement in itself," said Sharath Kamal, who played an important role in India's 3-0 win over Singapore. Sathyan beat Poh Shao Feng Ethan in straight games (11-5, 11-5, 13-11). But Sharath needed to dig deep into his vast experience to beat Pang Yew En Koen 7-11, 13-11, 9-11, 11-9, 11-3 and put India 2-0 ahead.