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PSA slapped on Farooq for detention

SC to hear Vaiko's plea against NC leader's house arrest on Sep 30; court allows Azad to visit Valley

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Jammu & Kashmir administration on Sunday invoked the stringent Public Safety Act against former State Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah to detain him, a day before the Supreme Court took up a petition against his "illegal detention".

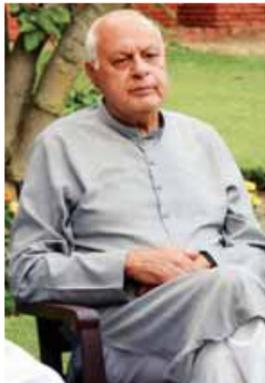
At 81, Abdullah has been charged with "disturbing public order" under the law, which means shorter detention of three months.

On Monday, the SC asked the Centre and the Jammu & Kashmir administration to respond to a plea seeking that Abdullah, allegedly under detention following the scrapping of the State's special status, be produced before the court.

Meanwhile, the SC allowed Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad to visit Kashmir but barred him from holding rallies or public meeting there.

A Bench of Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and justices SA Bobde and SA Nazeer issued notice to the Centre and the J&K administration, and fixed Rajya Sabha MP and MDMK leader Vaiko's plea for hearing on September 30.

Vaiko, who said he has been a close friend of Abdullah for the past four decades, has contended that the National Conference leader has been deprived of constitutional rights on account of "illegal detention without any authority of law".



Father's Act hounds son

Never would Sheikh Abdullah have imagined that his son Farooq would one day be arrested under the PSA which he, as the chief minister of J&K in 1978, enacted to fight timber smugglers in the State

The National Conference said the party would take legal course to challenge the detention of its president Farooq Abdullah under the Public Safety Act in J&K

"Is he (Abdullah) under detention?" the Bench asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who was appearing for J&K. Without going into the issue of whether Abdullah has been kept under detention, Mehta said, "I do not have a copy of the petition. I have to take instruction on this."

There was no word by the lawyers from any side during the hearing that the Jammu & Kashmir administration has slapped the Public Safety Act to detain Farooq under the stringent law. After the Bench issued notice on Vaiko's petition, Mehta questioned his locus in filing a "habeas corpus" petition — a writ requiring a person under detention or arrest to be produced before a court. "He (Vaiko) has no locus.

How can he file a habeas corpus petition? He is not his relative. His (Abdullah) relatives have approached the High Court there," Mehta said. The Bench, however, asked the Centre and the Jammu & Kashmir administration to file their responses on Vaiko's plea.

In his plea, Vaiko had said authorities should allow Abdullah to attend a "peaceful and democratic" annual conference, being organised in Chennai on September 15, on the occasion of birthday of former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister CN Annadurai.

"The actions of the respondents (Centre and J&K) are completely illegal and arbitrary and violative of the right to protection of life and personal liberty, right to protection



CRPF personnel stand guard near the residence of National Conference president Farooq Abdullah in Srinagar on Monday. PTI

from arrest and detention and also against right to free speech and expression which is the cornerstone of a democratic nation," the plea said.

"The right to free speech and expression is considered to have paramount importance in a democracy as it allows its cit-

izens to effectively take part in the governance of the country," it said.

Vaiko said he had written a letter to the authorities on August 29 to allow Abdullah to travel to Chennai to attend the conference but they have not responded.

SC seeks J&K CJ's report on claims of inaccessible court

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Terming as "very very serious" the claim that people are finding it difficult to approach the Jammu & Kashmir High Court, the Supreme Court on Monday decided to verify it by asking the Chief Justice there to "forthwith" submit a report in this regard.

"If you are saying so, we are bound to take serious note of it. We will verify this," the apex court said.

Restore normalcy in J&K within ambit of national interest: SC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Jammu & Kashmir administration was directed by the Supreme Court on Monday to make "all endeavours" to ensure restoration of normalcy in the valley while keeping in mind "national interest and internal security".

The apex court, which also asked the Centre to ensure restoration of services and normalcy in Kashmir "as soon as possible", said efforts should be made to ensure that people have access to medical facilities, education, public transport and communication.

"The State of Jammu & Kashmir, keeping in mind the national interest and internal security, shall make all endeavours to ensure that normal life is restored in Kashmir; people have access to healthcare facilities and schools, colleges and other educational institutions and public transport functions and operates normally," a Bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi said in its order.

"All forms of communication, subject to overriding consideration of national security, shall be normalised, if required on a selective basis, particularly for healthcare facilities," said the Bench, which also comprised justices SA Bobde and SA Nazeer.

Attorney General KK Venugopal, representing the Centre, and Solicitor General



Tushar Mehta, appearing for Jammu & Kashmir, informed the Bench about steps taken by the authorities to restore normalcy in the State and also the Valley.

The top court, which posted the matter for hearing on September 30, asked the Centre and Jammu & Kashmir to file their affidavits indicating their responses on the plea and applications which raises the issue of shutdown of mobile and Internet services in the valley and lack of health care facilities there.

While Venugopal apprised the Bench about medical and other facilities being provided to the people, Mehta said that "not a single bullet has been fired" in the State since August 5, the day when Article 370 was abrogated. Venugopal said that since 1990 till date, 41,866 persons have lost their lives in 71,038 incidents of terrorist violence in the state which includes 14,038 civilians, 5,292 personnel of security forces and 22,536 terrorists.

Pakistan to open Kartarpur Sahib for Indians on Nov 9



Pakistani workers give finishing touches to the shrine of Sikh spiritual leader Guru Nanak Dev, in Kartarpur, in Pakistan on Monday. AP

PTI ■ LAHORE

From November 9, Pakistan will allow Indian Sikh pilgrims to visit the holy Kartarpur Sahib, a senior official heading the much-awaited Kartarpur corridor project announced on Monday.

Project Director Atif Majid made the announcement during the maiden visit of Pakistani and foreign jour-

Trump to join PM at mega Howdy, Modi!

US Prez's special gesture testimony to growing bilateral bonds, says Modi

PTI ■ WASHINGTON/NEW DELHI



western United States.

US President Donald Trump will join Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the mega "Howdy, Modi!" diaspora event in Houston on Sunday to reaffirm the Indo-US strategic ties, the White House has announced, a decision hailed by the Prime Minister as a "special gesture" by the US President to underscore the special bond between the two countries.

Emphasising the new bonhomie in the India-US ties under the Trump Administration, this is for the first time in recent history that the leaders of the two largest democracies would be addressing a joint rally.

More than 50,000 Indian-Americans have registered for the September 22 "Howdy, Modi! Shared Dreams, Bright Futures" event to be held at the sprawling NRG Stadium in Houston, Texas.

"Howdy", short for 'How do you do?', is a friendly greeting commonly used in south-

In a statement on Sunday, White House Press Secretary Stephanie Grisham said, "It (Modi-Trump joint rally) will be a great opportunity to emphasise the strong ties between the people of the US and India, to reaffirm the strategic partnership between the world's oldest and largest democracies, and to discuss ways to deepen their energy and trade relationship."

Soon after, Modi said he looks forward to joining the Indian origin community in welcoming President Trump at the programme. "A special gesture by @POTUS, signifying the special friendship between India and USA."

Highlights the strength of the relationship and recognition of the contribution of the Indian community to American society and economy," the PM tweeted.

Cong, NCP to fight 125 seats each in Maha polls

Keep aside 38 seats for allies to take on BJP-Sena

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/MUMBAI

After going separately in 2014, the Congress and NCP have come together to contest the forthcoming Maharashtra Assembly election together. Both the parties will contest 125 seats each and keep aside 38 seats for prospective allies in an attempt to form a broad-based alliance to take on the BJP-Shiv Sena combine.

In 2014, the NCP had then ended the 15-year alliance after the two parties had been unable to reach a seat-sharing arrangement ahead of Assembly elections. The Congress had won 42 seats while the NCP had won 41 seats then. The BJP had emerged as the single-largest party in the State with 122 seats.



The finalisation of the seat-sharing pact between the Congress and the NCP comes after many high-profile leaders from both the parties deserted them to join the BJP and the Shiv Sena. Sharad Pawar had called on Sonia Gandhi in Delhi last week where the two gave final shape to the alliance.

Announcing the deal, Pawar said the seat-sharing pact between the grand old party and the NCP has been finalised and his party will give opportunity to new faces this time. Pawar also said both

the parties are yet to decide on the specific seats they will contest.

The smaller parties, which will contest the remaining 38 seats include Swabhimani Shetkari Sanghata led by Raju Shetty and Bahujan Vikas Aghadi led by Prakash Amedkar.

Both the parties had contested as allies in the Lok Sabha this year where the Congress won only one seat and the NCP bagged four. In 2014 general elections, the Congress had won two seats from the State while the NCP won four.

The NCP had contested on 21 seats while its partner Congress fielded candidates on 26 seat in the last Lok Sabha polls.

The Congress and the NCP have been in an alliance since 1999 except for the last Assembly elections and they have formed Government thrice. In the 2004 Assembly polls, the NCP had won more seats than the Congress, but the latter bagged the Chief Minister's post.

Rape survivor deposes in Shahjahanpur court against Chinmayanand

PNS/PTI ■ LUCKNOW/SHAHJAHANPUR

The law student who levelled rape charges against BJP leader and former Union Minister Swami Chinmayanand recorded her statement before a magistrate in Shahjahanpur on Monday.

The 23-year old woman was brought to the court of Judicial Magistrate Geetika Singh under heavy security cover by the special investigation team (SIT).

She remained in the court for around four hours and told PTI that the magistrate recorded her statement in 10 to 12 pages. She said, "I have told the magistrate about the rape complaint I gave in New Delhi, my missing spectacles and a chip



from the hostel room. I also informed about the bedding and liquor bottles, which were removed from the Chinmayanand's room."

The victim's friends who were examined included the one who was with her when she was located in Rajasthan after having gone missing last month. The SIT had also examined principals of the two colleges where the girl studied.

Delhi plans e-vehicles for last-mile connectivity

GAYATHRI MANI ■ NEW DELHI

In a bid to make the national Capital pollution free, the Delhi Dialogue and Development Commission (DDC), in association with the Rocky Mountain Institute, has decided to start a first-of-its-kind pilot project on the electrification of last-mile connectivity in Delhi, called Deliver Electric Delhi (DED).

Under the plan, all-out efforts will be made to promote electric vehicles as Delhi Metro feeder buses, to replace e-rickshaws, and to ply as e-commerce delivery vehicles. The Government plans to rope in online food delivery firms like Domino's Pizza, Big Basket, Zomato, Swiggy, and courier services in the project.

The Government is also expected to implement the 'EV Draft Policy' by end of the month.

The DDC submitted a new



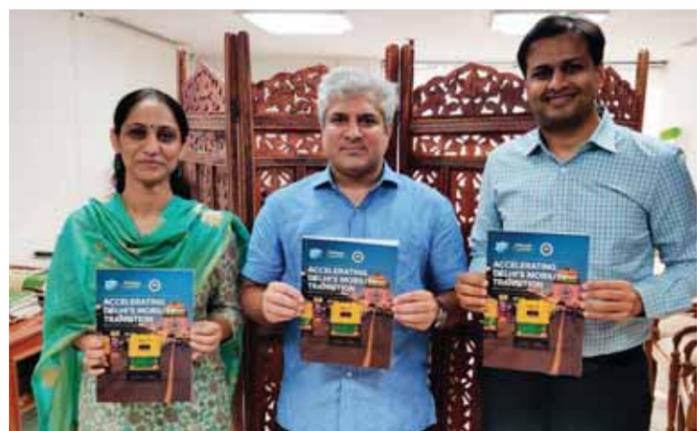
study report to the Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot on Monday. The study suggests that the EV policy of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government can help make Delhi a pollution-free city.

"As Delhi looks to take ambitious steps towards inducting large number of electric buses and taking leadership in fighting air pollution, this report will become an important reference point for all our

agencies on the various reforms needed to ensure a successful transition to electric vehicles."

About 1,000 electric last-mile delivery vehicles are expected to be part of the pilot project over the next year.

"The main aim behind the project is to promote the usage of electric vehicles in the city. The Transport Department has already started the process to procure electric buses in order to provide last-mile connec-



tivity and to curb pollution. Besides, we are working with about 25 electric vehicle producing companies and solution providers to promote and cre-

ate awareness about the project. Further, besides 1000 EV, the Government will include the Zomato Swiggy and other delivery services to use electric

vehicles as these companies uses two wheelers largely for delivery services," said Jasmine Shah, vice-chairman of DDC.

Punjab to fill 19,000 vacancies, seeks dept-wise lists

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Easing the recruitment rules to plug certain long-pending vacancies, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday ordered immediate steps to fill up a whopping 19,000 vacancies in various departments.

The vacancies to be filled up on priority include 5,000 in the Police department, 5,300 in electricity department (PSPCL), 2,500 teachers, 5,000 paramedic and specialized staff, including doctors and specialists, in Health Department and 1,300 in Revenue department, said the spokesperson.

The Chief Minister has also asked the other departments to submit their lists of vacancies without delay so that the process of filling them up could also be initiated immediately. Bringing more efficiency into concerned departments, the move will also generate additional employment in the State.

The directions by the Chief Minister came even as the Cabinet decided to ease the recruitment rules for qualified civil services personnel in the State through amendments to various relevant legislations, thus paving way for filling posts that remain vacant due to non-availability of suitable candidates.

The decision would help resolve the issues related to allocation of services on the basis of Punjab State Civil Services Combined Examination.

The Cabinet also authorized the Chief Minister to approve the final draft of the

rules, said the spokesperson.

Under the existing rules, different categories of vacant posts, such as those reserved for SCs, Balmiki and Mazhabi Sikh and general category sportsmen and ex-servicemen, were being treated differently. There was ambiguity on whether the unfilled posts of ex-servicemen and sports quota from Balmiki and Mazhabi Sikh category were to be filled from General Pool of Balmiki and Mazhabi Sikh or from General pool of all SC Candidates.

Such situations led to prolonged litigations regarding filling up of these posts. In view of these circumstances, the personnel department had proposed that the rules and instructions may be modified to make these clear, logical and consistent across all categories of posts, and ensure that the interests of SCs and BCs are duly protected.

PUNJAB TO RAISE Rs 50cr BY DISINVESTING PSIDC'S 90,90,000 SHARES IN PAOL TO REPAY DEBTS

Eying to generate around ₹50 crore, the Punjab Government has decided to disinvest 90,90,000 shares of Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation (PSIDC) in Punjab Alkalies and Chemicals Limited (PAOL) to repay PSIDC's debts.

The spokesperson said that the amount realised from the move would be utilized for paying the debts of PSIDC which had been incurring heavy losses since 2009-10, with its net worth going in the red and PAOL became a sick company. The Board of Industrial

and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) registered PAOL's reference as Sick Industrial Company under section 15 (1) of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 (SICA) as BIFR Case No.152/2015.

The Directorate of Disinvestment would initiate the process of disinvestment of PAOL, a Public Limited Company formed under the Companies Act, 1956, which commenced operations in January 1984 at two manufacturing units located at Naya Nangal and Rupnagar.

The Directorate of Disinvestment had earlier made four attempts for disinvestments of PSIDC's equity stake in PAOL in 2002-03, 2004-06, 2009-11 and 2012-15. However, none of these attempts could succeed.

PUNJAB TO HAVE SPECIAL IT CADRE FOR E-GOVERNANCE PROG

Punjab Government will soon have a special IT cadre for effective implementation of its ambitious e-Governance initiatives as part of the 'Digital Punjab' mission.

Cadre's selection criteria as well as its management for various categories of posts would be finalised by a committee constituted by the Chief Minister. The personnel recruited under the cadre would be deputed to various state government departments for the purpose of extending technical guidance and support for e-governance programme or initiatives. The cadre will provide technical assistance to the



departments involved in the execution of various e-Governance or m-Governance projects by ensuring their timely implementation, as well as support in Business Process Re-engineering and Simplification of the processes.

The move will also help foster the state's IT capabilities by building a cadre of IT professionals to be recruited through a well-structured process, an official spokesperson said after the cabinet meeting.

The need for the cadre was felt by the Government on account of the general lack of capacity in various departments for proper implementation of Administrative or Governance Reforms, e-Governance and backend computerisation initiatives.

The specialized IT manpower would help the departments coordinate closely with the Department of Governance Reforms, enabling efficacious implementation of Enterprise Architecture and various e-Governance Projects including e-Office.

CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE TO TACKLE GROWING STRAY CATTLE MENACE; Rs 10L TO ALL DCs TO OPEN GAUSHALAS

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh has formed a five-member Cabinet Sub-Committee to check the growing menace of stray cattle in the state. He also announced Rs 10 lakh each to the Deputy Commissioners for opening an additional gaushalas in their respective districts to address the problem.

The committee, headed by Animal Husbandry Minister Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa, has PWD Minister Vijay Inder Singla, Local Government Minister Brahm Mahindra, Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu and Industries Minister Sunder Sham Arora as members.

It has been mandated to suggest ways and means to tackle the problem of stray cattle in a holistic manner, to save precious human lives due to fatal accidents caused by the animals.

Reviewing the status of gaushalas already operational

in all the districts, the Chief Minister asked the Deputy Commissioners to open one more gaushala in their respective districts with the help of NGOs, social and religious organisations.

The Chief Minister also directed all the DCs to make elaborate arrangements, in collaboration with the Departments of Rural Development and Panchayats, Local Government and Animal Husbandry, to house the stray cattle in these cattle pounds.

There are currently early 2.5 lakh stray animals in the state and the committee would explore ways to eradicate the menace, besides regularly monitoring the progress of implementation and achievement of the specific targets under the action plan in this regard.

The Sub-Committee would also further mandate the districts administration to undertake the task to finalise the action plan for checking the stray cattle menace in a result-oriented manner.

NEW PERFORMANCE-BASED PADDY CUSTOM MILLING POLICY APPROVED TO CHECK RICE DIVERSION

With more security provisions, including criminal penalty for diversion of rice, the Cabinet has approved the Punjab Custom Milling Policy for Paddy (Kharif 2019-20).

Aimed at ensuring seamless milling of paddy and smooth delivery of rice to the Central Pool from more than 4000 mills operating in the state, the policy would be followed by the state procuring

agencies — PUNGRAIN, MARKFED, PUNSUP, and Punjab State Warehousing Corporation (PSWC), as well as the Food Corporation of India, besides the rice millers or their legal heirs.

The state's Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs will act as the Nodal Department.

Spokesperson said that the sole criterion for allotment of free paddy to mills during KMS 2019-20 would be the miller's performance in the previous year, KMS 2018-19, and additional percentage-wise incentive would be provided to mills as per their date of delivery of rice against milling of custom milled paddy, including RO paddy in the previous year.

Mills, which had completed their milling by January 31, 2019, would be eligible for additional 15 percent of free paddy, the spokesperson said, adding that those who had completed delivery of rice by February 28, 2019, would get an additional 10 percent of free paddy.

To ensure security of paddy stocks, millers would now be required to furnish bank guarantee equal to the value of five percent of acquisition cost of allocable free paddy above 3000 MTs. The move would further enlarge the ambit of guarantee clause to over 1250 more rice mills, taking the total number of such mills to around 1900.

In addition, millers will also have to deposit Custom Milling Security at the rate of Rs 125 for each MT of paddy stored.

The state is expected to

procure 170 Lakh MTs of paddy with total area under paddy sowing being 29 lakh hectares this year coming down from 31.03 Lakh hectares the previous season. The target was to complete the Custom Milling of Paddy, thereby delivering all due rice to Food Corporation of India, by March 31, 2020.

PUNJAB CABINET OKAYS SETTLEMENT SCHEME FOR DEFAULTING MILLERS IN BID TO REVIVE SICK RICE UNITS

To revive sick rice units, the Punjab Cabinet has approved a Dues Recovery and Settlement Scheme 2019-20 for the state's defaulting rice millers, paving way for the recovery of a significant portion of the Rs 2,041.51 crore outstanding against them on various accounts.

"The millers in default, up to and including crop year 2014-15, shall be eligible to take benefit of this scheme. However, the scheme excludes defaulters who had availed of the One-time Settlement (OTS) scheme of September 2017," said the spokesperson.

The defaulters would have the option to pay the total recoverable amount, that is the principal recoverable plus 10 percent simple interest per annum, within 30 days from the date of issue of 'Quantification for Settlement Letter' (QSL).

They can also choose to pay 50 percent of the total recoverable amount within 30 days and the balance within 60 days from the date of issue of QSL with six percent interest.

Capt urges Kisan Unions to help check power theft, conserve ground water

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

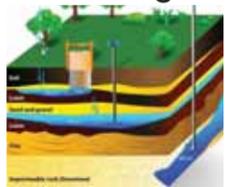
Reiterating his commitment to farmers' welfare, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday sought the support of the state's Kisan Unions to check power theft and create awareness on judicious use of the fast depleting ground water.

Capt Amarinder, chairing a meeting with the delegation of Kisan Sangharsh Committee (Pannu Group), expressed deep concern over the alarming trend of power theft, which he stressed the need to arrest in order to make PSPCL economically viable pointing that the situation was particularly "alarming in the border areas".

The Chief Minister urged the farmers to bring any incident of power theft to the enforcement wing of Powercom.

At the same time, the Chief Minister assured the delegation that his Government was fully seized of the hardships faced by the farmers and was committed to ensuring their welfare on priority.

On the issue of pending payment of ₹137.56 crore on



account of outstanding electricity bills of domestic consumers up to March 31, 2016, the Chief Minister said that the matter was already under the active consideration of the Government, while directing the Principal Secretary (Power) to thoroughly examine the issue.

It was informed in the meeting that PSPCL had not collected these pending bills so far from various categories of domestic consumers comprising Scheduled Castes, Non-Scheduled Castes, Below Poverty Line and Backward Classes, nor had it disconnected their connections due to non-payment.

Responding to the unions' demand for Government jobs to the kin of the farmers killed during various agitations, the Chief Minister directed the

Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Viswajeet Khanna, to bring the necessary agenda in the Council of Ministers' meeting.

Khanna said that seven persons had already been given government jobs and the remaining three would also be offered jobs immediately after the Cabinet's approval.

Briefing the Chief Minister about the criminal cases registered in the past against agitators, the DGP Intelligence VK Bhawra said that eight FIRs had been registered by Punjab Police and nine by Railway Protection Force.

"Cancellation reports have been submitted by Punjab Police in court in all eight cases registered by it. One of these cancellation reports had been returned by the court for further investigation while the State Government had taken up nine RPF cases with the Central Government. A Special Investigation Team headed by IGP Crime had been constituted to look into the criminal complaints or cases mentioned by Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee, and investigations were in progress," he said.

All arrangements in place: Haryana Electoral Officer

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Joint Chief Electoral Officer, Haryana, Inder Jeet on Monday said the department has completed all preparations for the upcoming assembly elections to be held in Haryana and proper arrangements have also been made for maintaining law and order, to conduct the elections in a fair and transparent manner.

Talking to reporters after a meeting with Election Commission of India, regarding functions and responsibilities of Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) through video conferencing here, he said a detailed information has been given by the Election Commission of India regarding advertisements printed or given by political parties in paid news, print media and electronic media, under which, state-level and district-level Committees are being formed for monitoring all this.

He said that during nomination, the candidate would

A social media center has been set up at the State level

have to give information about all his social media accounts in his affidavit so that the activities on these social media accounts could be monitored at the state and district level.

Inder Jeet said a social media center has been set up at the state level and directions have been issued to set up a social media center at the district level. Apart from this, in view of security and to conduct the Haryana assembly elections in a fair and transparent manner, the officials of the Election Commission of India, have also held a meeting with senior officers such as the Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department and Director General of Police.

'Dushyant made false statements over Khap's attempt to unite Chautala family'

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Swabhimaan Andolan leader Ramesh Dalal on Monday said that Khap or caste council leaders had made an effort to unite the Chautala family and build an alliance between two parties JJP and INLD but JJP leader Dushyant Chautala had made false statements on several occasions before breaking the dialogue.

Dalal, who along with several Khap leaders had been trying for unity in the Chautala clan ahead of the Assembly polls, claimed that knowing that JJP would not have an alliance with Indian National Lok Dal, the Bahujan Samaj Party broke the alliance with JJP recently.

Dalal said that to unite the family, the Khap delegation led by him had met Ajay Singh Chautala on August 26 who had praised Khap leaders' efforts and his mission of grand alliance between two parties JJP and INLD.

Giving a sequence of the events, Dalal said Ajay Chautala had promised the Khap panchayat leaders that he had ordered Dushyant to reach

Meena Bagh, New Delhi on September 1 to attend meeting with Khap leaders. Ajay had decided the place and date of above meeting and said that he would accept the decision of Khap Panchayat.

On August 27, Ajay Chautala apparently talked with Ramesh Dalal over phone and said, "I am standing at the entry gate of Tihar Jail and I have told Dushyant to attend Panchayat meeting and obey the Panchayat's decision." On August 31 Dushyant Chautala had a conversation with Dalal over the phone and he said that he has no information about the meeting with Khap panchayat on September 1. He would meet Ajay Chautala on September 3 and after the meeting he would be able to give any answer in this regard. According to Dalal, on September 1, the Panchayat wrote a letter to Dushyant asking him to clarify his position regarding the grand alliance effort. At the same time, he was asked clearly whether he wanted a panchayat agreement in the grand alliance. On the same Dushyant admitted at a press conference in Chandigarh

that he had spoken to Ramesh Dalal in this context.

Dushyant admitted that if both the parties meet then they will definitely get strength. Dushyant said that he would take a decision after talking to senior JJP leaders and BSP and Ajay Chautala. During this time the BSP leaders were in touch with Ramesh Dalal regarding the grand alliance which made it clear to Dushyant that without the INLD-JJP alliance, the BSP would not be with the JJP. Dushyant on September 5 requested Ramesh Dalal to first come alone and meet him at 4 am at the Farm House in Delhi before having meeting of Khap Panchayat. In the meeting Dushyant made it clear that he would meet Ajay Chautala again. Then at 4 o'clock in the evening, Dushyant again called Ramesh Dalal alone and said that he would meet the panchayat later but in the meeting Dushyant did not give any clear answer about the alliance. On September 8, Dalal wrote a letter on behalf of Khap Panchayat again and asked to clarify the stand in the context of the alliance.

Cong working unitedly to ensure candidates' victory, says Selja

PNS ■ KARNAL

Haryana Congress President H. Kumari Selja on Monday appealed to the people of Karnal not to vote for the local MLA Manohar Lal Khattar in the Assembly elections as he had mocked at Karnal's daughter Kalpana Chawla who had made a name for the city and herself worldwide.

Addressing party workers for the first time in Karnal after being appointed as state president where former Chief Minister Bhopinder Singh Hooda was also present, she appealed to the Congress workers to work unitedly and ensure the victory of party candidates from all the assembly constituencies of Karnal district. In his address, Hooda counted his government's achievements when he was in power and reminded people that instead of taking the development work forward, Chief Minister Khattar has pushed Haryana into disrepair. He said that the victory of Congress is only for the benefit of the people and the state.

Selja charged the Khattar

government of cheating the common people. The government, which has come out with the promise of giving fifteen lakhs in the accounts of the people, has done the job of snatching employment from the youth of the state, she said. Selja alleged that the Chief Minister has declared Karnal as a dry zone, due to which farmers are not getting a new tubewell connection.

The State Congress President said that BJP-led government demands birth certificates from old people to release their pension. This is a complete insult to the elderly people. "Earlier people were not educated and in such a situation it was not necessary that everyone has got a birth certificate. Now, how will they bring the proof of his birth?" she asked. The state Congress president said that Karnal has become the crime capital of Haryana and the morale of criminals has been high under BJP-led state government. There have been more than 82 murders in the last five years in the Chief Minister's Assembly constituency, she alleged.

PUNJAB GOVT COMPLETES ITS HALF TERM — CM directs Ministers to draw up action plans

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

With Congress-led Punjab Government completing its half term, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday directed his Ministers to draw up comprehensive action plans for their respective departments and engage more closely with the legislators to give further impetus to the development works in their regions.

The directions come as the Chief Minister and his Ministers discussed the progress made by the Government over the past 30 months, and the way forward. Capt Amarinder expressed satisfaction over the work done so far by all the departments, "despite severe financial crunch faced by the Government for which he blamed the "gross mismanagement of the state by the SAD-BJP coalition in the 10 years of their rule".

Termining the half-way mark of his government as "an occasion to stop and review the work of the past and to draw out a detailed strategy for the second half", the Chief Minister underlined the need to go forward with focused

action plans. He asked the Ministers to work closely with the MLAs in their respective areas to get their inputs and feedback on a regular basis.

He also directed them to pay special attention to the development works identified or initiated by the MLAs in their constituencies.

"It is important to look at the future strategy from both, political and administrative viewpoints.

Politically, we need to identify how to engage better with the people, take our achievements to them, and prioritise their issues that need urgent attention," he stressed.

Underpinning the administrative aspect of the government's role, the Chief Minister urged the Ministers to review their work of the past 30 months from the perspective of the progress made with respect to implementation of the poll promises and manifesto announcements. The Chief Minister asked the Ministers to take particular note of the performance on flagship Government of India programmes and the new legislations or policies of the

Government.

Restructuring of the departments and recruitment of critical manpower for smooth and timely execution of policies and projects was identified by the Chief Minister as a crucial focus area for all the Ministers.

Capt Amarinder called for concerted measures to bring Punjab back on the track as India's leading state, in terms of overall development and across the key indices of health, education, industrialization, agriculture and law and order.

While considerable progress had been made on every count, his Government was committed to ensure the highest levels of all-round development for the state and every section of its people, said the Chief Minister.

A M A R I N D E R ' S "BIZARRE" CLAIMS ARE DIVORCED FROM REALITY, SAYS SAD

Hitting out and ridiculing Congress-led Punjab Government for spending crores of rupees of the state exchequer on its "media blitz spreading misinformation" through its "Public

Disinformation Department" on its achievement, SAD leaders and former ministers Bikram Singh Majithia and Daljit Singh Cheema on Monday said that most of the schemes highlighted are of the Union Government. "In fact, Capt Amarinder should thank the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for these schemes for the benefit of Punjabis rather than taking credit of these," they said.

Contesting Capt Amarinder's claims of fulfilling 141 of the 161 promises, Cheema said that he was not only befooling the people but also exposing party leadership to ridicule, including former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh whose picture adored the party manifesto.

Majithia said while Amarinder submitted a list of 141 promises fulfilled to Sonia Gandhi, his Government mentioned only 21 achievements which spoke whom he is trying to misguide.

They said that ever-increasing farmer suicides in the State are a testimony that the farming community is in absolute distress and no relief promised by the Congress

manifesto has pulled the peasantry of the state out of economic duress.

"The tall claims by Amarinder Singh by taking an oath on Gutka Sahib and promising that on coming to power the drugs would be eradicated within four weeks, is total farce. Since the Congress leaders in the state themselves are facilitating the trade in drugs to the extent of providing home delivery, how could one think of drug free state," they asked.

Beside, Majithia pointed that most of the claims simply do not exist. "The claim of providing mid day meals to 14 lakh children reveals half truth as recent media reports indicate that for months no such facility was provided in the state. The claim of providing 1.4 cycles to girl students simply ignore that more girls have been left out and denied cycle," he said.

"Shockingly, the government claims to have done a lot for the schedule castes and backward classes but failed to acknowledge that it failed to release the scholarships for which it had duly received funds from the Centre," added Majithia.

DG of EC takes stock of Haryana poll preparedness

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The Director General, Election Commission of India, Dhirendra Ojha on Monday interacted with officials of the State Chief Electoral Officer's office and the District Election Officers regarding the upcoming assembly elections to be held in the State, through video conference.

He issued directions to the officers regarding paid-news, advertisement by political parties in print media and in electronic media, during the conference. During the discussion on the functions and responsibilities of the MCMC Committee (Media Certification and Monitoring Committee), he said that the paid news should be closely monitored in the Vidhan Sabha elections and if any case of paid news is reported, then immediate action should be taken.

Ojha said that the district level MCMC committees should be constituted in all the districts for the assembly elections, which will monitor advertisements.

GURU NANAK DEV'S 550TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Stop exploiting event for petty political gains: Capt to Harsimrat

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Once again writing to the SGPC president Gobind Singh Longowal to join the State Government's programme to

celebrate Guru Nanak Dev's 550th prakash purb, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday asked the Akali MP and the Union Minister Harsimrat Badal to

stop exploiting the historic occasions for petty political gains by spreading falsehoods about the important religious event. Dubbing Harsimrat's repeat attempts to malign the

Government with baseless accusations as the brazen lies of an ill-informed woman, Capt Amarinder said that she was trying to reduce the sacred occasion into a disgraceful saga of fibs and

fabrications. Instead of asking the SGPC, which was a tool in the hands of her SAD, to extend support to the State-level function, Harsimrat was going all out to drive a deeper wedge between the Government and the religious body, he said.

Lambasting Harsimrat over her divisive and provocative statements, Captain Amarinder said that her comments over the last few days had further exposed the party's cheap mindset and disruptive political agenda. "For 10 years, they (SAD leaders) worked to destroy every vestige of Punjab's socio-economic fibre,

and are now trying to push the state back into its dark days with their insensitive and contentious statements," he said.

Harsimrat talks of oneness, unity and peace, but her deeds are in complete variance with her comments, said the Chief Minister, pointing out that the Akalis had reduced the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC) into a political instrument for their short-term gains.

"Our government has been persistently appealing to all, including the SGPC, to rise above petty differences and celebrate the lifetime event in the

spirit of Guru Nanak Dev's teachings. However, this does not suit the interests of the Akalis, who are hell-bent on spreading disinformation and disharmony over the issue," he added. Reiterating his government's total support to SGPC for the celebrations of the event inside Gurdwara sahibs and properties controlled by the Committee, Capt Amarinder once again appealed to the SGPC chief to join hands with his Government to commemorate the grand occasion in a collective spirit of amity and brotherhood, rising above political, social and religious considerations.

Capt Amarinder, in his letter to SGPC chief, solicited Longowal's wholehearted support to ensure a befitting celebration for the grand occasion, in line with the ethos and philosophy of universal brotherhood as propounded by the first Sikh Guru. In continuation of his earlier letter to the SGPC chief, Capt Amarinder apprised him that State Government had, on the directives of Akal Takht Jathedar, already nominated two Cabinet Ministers Charanjit Singh Channi and Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa for inclusion in the joint commemoration committee.

Classifieds

LOST AND FOUND

It is notified for the information that my original qualifying examination passing Certificate secondary 10th Roll No 2135712 year 2019 issued by CBSE Board Has been actually lost. Karamveer Gurgaon

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Shiv Chauhan S/o Dassi Chauhan R/O # 1422 Sector 52 Chandigarh declare that in my son's Adhaar card date of birth has been wrongly written as 29-10-1999. But the correct date of Birth is 29-10-2003.

I, Maninder Singh S/o Sh. Surjit Singh, R/O SCF 21 Sector 53, Chandigarh hereby affirm and declare that spelling of my father's name has been wrongly mentioned in my Passport as Surjeet Singh instead of Surjit Singh. Correct name of my father is Surjit Singh.

I, Anil Kumar S/o Sh. Rajpal R/O House No. 815, Sector-19, Panchkula, Haryana declare that I want to change my name and my wife's name from Anil Kamboj to Anil Kumar and Kavita Kamboj to Kavita Devi in my daughter's school record.

I, Sushma Devi W/o Krishan Kumar R/O Village Nada Sahib, Panchkula, Haryana, have changed my Name to Sushma.

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I, Simranjeet Kaur W/o Ginder Singh, Army No. 1549781X Rank ALD, 9 Horse c/o 56 APO have changed my name Simarjit Kaur. Concerned note.

I, Sunil Kumar S/o Sh. Punnu Ram Bhatia R/O E-10, Subhash Gate, Karnal have changed my name Sunil Bhatia.

I, Kashmiri Lal S/o Haryana Singh R/O Asan Tehsil & Distt. Jind (Haryana) have changed my name to Kamveer Medharthi & Address Aarsh Mahavidyalay Gurukul, PO-Kalwa, Tehsil- Safidon, Distt. Jind (Haryana).

I, Jitender Singh S/O Jagat Ram R/O Vpo. Bakhill, Distt. Kurukshetra I Have Changed My Name Jitender Singh Dindyan.

I, JC 167942-X Rank Sub Gurmali Singh S/o late Bachan Singh H.No- 198 Sec-10, Ambala City inform that in my Pension Documents my wife Gurdav Kaur DOB wrongly mentioned as 15-10-1957. But my wife correct DOB is 24.05.1957.

I, Vikash (3206454W) S/O Inshwar Singh R/O Kohar, Bhiwani. In my army record name of my father Iswar and Mother Kamla Devi are wrong. Correct names Iswhar Singh and Kamlesh.

I, Ramesh Kumar (2998193F) S/o Ram Kumar R/O Chhapar Rangran, Tosham, Bhiwani. In my army record name of my wife Sangeta Devi is wrong. Correct name Sangeta.

I, Ashwani Kumar Arya S/o Sh. Mohinder Pal Arya R/O Arya Upnagar, Narwana, Distt. Jind, inform that in my passport my name is Ashwani Kumar which is incorrect. I have changed my name to Ashwani Kumar Arya as per my Aadhar Card.

I, Ram Avtar S/o Nankoo, R/O #213, Phase 2, Bapu Dham Colony, Sector 26, Chandigarh, have changed my name from Ram Avtar to Munshilal.

I, Promila Rani W/o Ram Kanwar # 676, Sector-12, Sonipat have changed my name from Promila to Promila Rani for all future purposes.

I, Sanjeev Nandkani S/o Sh. Madan Lal R/O H.No-552, Modal town, Panipat declare that I have changed my name from Sanjeev Nandkani to Sanjeev Kumar for all future purposes.

I, Anju Nandkani W/o Sh. Sanjeev Kumar R/O H.No- 552, Modal town, Panipat declare that I have changed my name from Anju Nandkani to Anju Bala for all future purposes.

I, Deepika W/o Nandinder Kumar R/O H.No. 5/3, Chatti Khui, GT Road, Mandi, Gurdaspur declare that in school record of my daughter, my name is wrongly recorded as Dipika. My correct name is Deepika. In school record residence address is also wrongly recorded as H.No. 3/5, Nangal Kotli, Mandi, Gurdaspur. Correct address is H.No. 3/5, Chatti Khui, GT Road, Mandi, Gurdaspur.

I, Riya W/o Sarabjit Singh R/O H.No. 1450/19, Sector 29-B, Chandigarh have changed my name from Riya to Manta Rani.

I, Nareesh Kumar Bhardwaj S/o Bansil Lal Bhardwaj #206/2 Sector 41-A, Chandigarh have changed my name to Nareshanand.

I, Ayodhya Prasad S/o Ram Khilavan #160-A, Block-J Colony No 4 Industrial Area -I Chandigarh have changed my name to Uma Shankar.

I, Ram Sagar Paswan S/o Vign Paswan # 321 Sector 52 Kajheri Chandigarh have changed my daughter's name from Pusha Alias Pusha Kaur to Pooja.

I, Mahavir S/o Ram Chander R/O # 5933 Malaya Colony, Chandigarh have changed my name to Mahaveer.

I, Shanti Lal S/o Ganesh Bhai R/O 2633/3 Sector 49-C, Chandigarh have changed my name to Anil Bhal.

I, Bhavya D/o Sh. Tilak Raj, R/O Near Arya Kanya High School, Hansi, Teh. Hansi, Distt. Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Bhavya Dhaniya to Bhavya D/o Sh. Tilak Raj for all future purposes.

In my Husband Army Record my Name Wrongly Entered Lead Kaur But Correct name is Lad Kaur and DOB is 14-01-1986 15339942 X LNK W/o Rawail Singh.

I, Binitu D/o Shamsher Singh R/O Daultpur, Sub Tehsil Ukalana Mandi Tehsil Barwala Distt. Hisar have changed my name from Beero to Binitu.

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I, Parminder Kaur W/o Satwinder Singh R/O Rasdpur (Roopnagar) changed my name after marriage Amrit Kaur.

I, Satwinder Kaur W/o Sukhwinder Singh R/O Pattran, Kharar (Mohali) in my passport my name mentioned as Satwinder Kaur but my correct name is Satwinder Kaur.

I, Mandeep Dhillion W/o Dilrajpal Singh Sandhu R/O Village Bhakra Khurd Tehsil and District Tarn Tarn have changed my name to Mandeep Sandhu.

I, Parabjit Singh S/O Mohan Singh Vpo Jalalpura Teh And Distt Amritsar Have Changed My Name Parabjit Singh.

I, Meenakshi Mirajkar W/o Pradeep Mirajkar R/O 53 Armd Regt Co 56 APO have declare that in my daughter's Sanskriti School Record my name wrongly Written as Meenakshi Instead of Meenakshi Mirajkar.

I, Harpreet Singh Nanda S/O Dajjit Singh R/O VPO Chohan District Amritsar have changed my name to Harpreet Singh.

I, hitherto known as Sarup Kumar S/o Ved Parkash Sharma R/O SCF 31, New Grain Market Road, Opp. New Gopal Nagar, Jalandhar-144008, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sarup Prabhakar.

I, No. 2485589K Rank Hav Rajesh Kumar, 23 Punjab, Have Changed My Wife Name From Savita Devi To Savita.

I, Balak Ram S/O Ved Parkash R/O Vill: Salehrian Kalan PO: Hoshiarpur Kalota Teh-Mukerian (Hoshiarpur) have add my surname and declare that both Balak Ram and Balak Ram Sharma is one and same person.

I, Pinky D/o Lal Chand R/O Vill. Sehawal Teh-Nakodar (Jalandhar) changed my name to Pinky Chaudal.

I, Nachhattar Kaur W/o Inderjeet Singh R/O H.No. 798 St.No. 8 Guru Aranj Dev Nagar Near Samrala Bye Pass Chowk (Ludhiana) changed my name to Nachhattar Kaur.

I, Satnam S/O Pakhar Singh R/O Vpo. Kang Jagr. Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) Ph, changed my name to Satnam Ram.

I, Sunita Verma W/o Dharminder Singh R/O H.No. 320, St.No. 2, Uttam Nagar, Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Sunita.

I, Jc-510696M Subedar Sarabjit Singh S/O Mohinder Singh R/O Village Allahabad District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Son's Name Harjot To Harjot Singh.

I, Renu Bala D/O Som Nath Chhaba W/O Vishnu Kumar Twarri R/O Vpo. Bhungna Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name Renu Bala To Renu Tiwari.

I, Arpita Sharma W/O Arun Sharma R/O B-21 MCH 527 Bhanwai Road Post Office Street Salwara Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Arpita.

I, Priya W/o Vinay Kumar R/O H.No.236 Greater Kailash Nagar Phagwara District Kapurthala Have Changed My Name Priya Sanyosa To Priya, After Marriage.

I, Nareesh Kumar S/O Joginder Lal R/O Vpo. Baran Tehsil Phagwara District Kapurthala Have Changed My Name To Nareesh Kumar Sidhu.

I, Sant Ram S/O Babu R/O Village Bariana P.O. Kukran Tehsil Garshankar District Hoshiarpur Punjab India Have Changed My Name To Santa Singh.

I, Hitherto Known As Amarjit Singh Alias Amandeep S/O Harbhajan Singh R/O Village Khandpur Tehsil Balachaur District S.B.S. Nagar Punjab India Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Amarjit Singh.

I, Salakhn Singh S/O Purn Singh R/O Vpo. Tahli, Tehsil Dasuya, Distt. Hoshiarpur 144202, Punjab Have Changed My Name Salakhn Singh To Sulakhn Singh.

I, Beant Singh S/O Jaswinder Singh R/O Darapur Distt Moga Have Changed My Name To Beant Singh Brar.

I, Amritpal Kaur W/O Jagtar Singh Kang R/O Vpo. Darapur Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Amritpal Kaur Anger Marriage.

I, Nareesh Kumar S/O Hans Raj And Husband Of Saroj Sukhija R/O Sukhija Commercial College, Palika Bazar, Kotkapura, Distt. Faridkot Have Changed My Name To Nareesh Kumar Sukhija.

I, Amanpreet Kaur Sidhu W/O Simerandep Singh Sandhu R/O H.No-675, Dosaanj Road Moga Have Changed My Name To Amanpreet Kaur Sandhu.

I, Harpreet Kaur Panesar D/O Gurdeep Singh R/O H.No-1515/10, Ward No.33, Dasmesh Nagar P.O. Millerganj (Ludhiana) 141003 Have Changed My Name To Harpreet Kaur.

I, Parmjeet Singh Lotey S/O Surjit Singh R/O H.No.8092, St.No.4, Ranjit Nagar Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Parmjeet Singh.

PUBLIC NOTICE

We Yudhveer Singh Deswal S/O Late Sh. Gopi chand and Vedo Devi W/O Yudhveer Singh Deswal R/O 245 GF PND Colony sector 14 Panchkula Declare that my son Himanshu Deswal and his wife Sakshi are out of our control. So We disown all of them from our movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them at his/ her own risk.

We, Omprati W/o Sube Singh & Sube Singh S/O Dhandu Ram R/O H.No. 729/26, West Ram Nagar, Sonipat has disowns my son Sunil & his wife Ritru from our all movable-immovable property as they are out of our control. In future, if anybody deals with them, he/she will do at their own risk.

We, Tarvinder Jit Singh S/O Sh. Rajinder Singh and Gulshan Chandok W/O Sh. Tarvinder Jit Singh R/O House Number 90A Model Town, Ambala City declare that our son Gagandeep Singh and his wife Jasmeen Kaur are out of our control. So, We Disown them from our movable/immovable property. Anybody dealing with them at their own risk.

I, Ramarti W/o Late Kapoor Chand R/O Village Chochra, Tehsil Ashand, Distt Karnal, declared that my son Sohan Lal is my out of control. So I disown to my all property and relationships.

I, Rajinder Singh S/O Preetam Singh R/O 3601, B-12 Manmohan Nagar Ambala City inform that my son Jeevan Singh & his wife Baljinder Kaur are out of my control. So I disown both of them from my movable/immovable properties. If anybody deals with them will do so his/her at their own risk.

I, Geeta Rani W/o Late Deepak Kumar R/O #2456 Railway Colony, Tehsil-Kaika, Distt. Panchkula declare that my son Mohit Singh Chauhan are out of my control. So, I Disown them from my movable/immovable property. If anybody deals with his/her shall do their own risk in future.

I, Amar Singh S/O Bhelli & Pushpa W/O Amar Singh # 586, Samik Nagar, Babyal, Ambala Declare That, Our Son Tilak Singh And His Wife Soni is Out Of Our Control. So We Disown Them From Our Movable Immovable Properties.

I, Surinder Kumar S/O Ramji Dass, R/O #8, Peer Wali Gali, Street No.4-A, Gurbax Colony, Patiala declare that my daughter Geeta Rani W/o Joginder Singh is out of my control. So I disown her from my movable and immovable Property. Anyone dealing with her will do so at their own risk.

I, Ram Chand S/o Ajmer Singh R/O V. Behlopur (Mohali) declare that my son Avtar Singh Alias Monu and daughter in law Suman are out of my control. I disown them from my movable and immovable property. Anybody deals with them at own his risk.

I, Yesh Pal S/o Shri Daulat Ram R/O H.No. 18, Sector 41-D, Vill. Badheri Chandigarh declare that my son Mansh is out of my control. I disown him from my movable and immovable property. Anybody deals with his at own risk.

I, Gurbachan Lal S/o Sadhu Ram R/O Vill. Shekpur Bazighar Colony (Kapurthala) solemnly declare that my daughter Suman (married) is out of my control. I Disown her from my movable & immovable property, if anybody give her or take her will be own responsibility.

I, Surinder Kumar And Udik Chand S/O Bahali Ram R/O Village Hake Wala Tehsil & District Ferozepur Declare That I Am Known By Both Name As Above.

I, Raj Kaur @ Rajveer Kaur W/O Rajinder Singh R/O Chak Ram Nagar Bir Sarkar District Sri Muktsar Sahib Declare That Am Known By Both Names As Above.

I, Tarun S/O Jaswinder Singh R/O House No.11/25 Chungi Khana Road Ferozepur City Have Changed My Name To Tarun Arora.

I, Lakhmir Singh S/O Gurcharan Singh R/O Abohar Road, S.A.S. Nagar, Sri Muktsar Sahib District Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Lakhmir Singh Brar.

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"The murder of Tejinder Singh was the result of long-standing enmity. Multiple raids were carried out in Haryana, Rajasthan and Delhi by the investigating team of Chandigarh Police to nab the culprits," said a senior officer of Chandigarh Police.

He said that following some inputs, a trap was laid by crime branch and the accused were nabbed near Shivalik Garden, Manimajra and later on arrested in the case under Sector 307, 304, 34 with addition of 302 IPC & 27 of Arms Act, 1959 on Monday.

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I, Gourav Mehta S/o Sh. Om Parkash R/O H.No. 236, Mohalla Inder puri, Sirsa have changed my name to Gaurav Mehta.

I, Gurdeep Kaur Alias Krishan Kaur Sandhu W/o Kulwant Singh Sandhu House No 8177 HIG Complex Phase 2 Mohali changed My Name To Gurdeep Kaur Sandhu.

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I, Anil Kumar S/o Sh. Prem Chand Aggarwal, R/O # 237, Sector 7, Panchkula, Haryana have changed my name from Anil Kumar to Anil Garg.

I, Shalni W/o Vanktesh R/O H.No. 145, Phase-2, Bapudham Colony, Sector 26, Chandigarh have changed my name from Shalni to Durga.

I, Simranjeet Kaur W/o Ginder Singh, Army No. 1549781X Rank ALD, 9 Horse c/o 56 APO have changed my name Simarjit Kaur. Concerned note.

I, Sunil Kumar S/o Sh. Punnu Ram Bhatia R/O E-10, Subhash Gate, Karnal have changed my name Sunil Bhatia.

I, Kashmiri Lal S/o Haryana Singh R/O Asan Tehsil & Distt. Jind (Haryana) have changed my name to Kamveer Medharthi & Address Aarsh Mahavidyalay Gurukul, PO-Kalwa, Tehsil- Safidon, Distt. Jind (Haryana).

I, Jitender Singh S/O Jagat Ram R/O Vpo. Bakhill, Distt. Kurukshetra I Have Changed My Name Jitender Singh Dindyan.

I, JC 167942-X Rank Sub Gurmali Singh S/o late Bachan Singh H.No- 198 Sec-10, Ambala City inform that in my Pension Documents my wife Gurdav Kaur DOB wrongly mentioned as 15-10-1957. But my wife correct DOB is 24.05.1957.

I, Vikash (3206454W) S/O Inshwar Singh R/O Kohar, Bhiwani. In my army record name of my father Iswar and Mother Kamla Devi are wrong. Correct names Iswhar Singh and Kamlesh.

I, Ramesh Kumar (2998193F) S/o Ram Kumar R/O Chhapar Rangran, Tosham, Bhiwani. In my army record name of my wife Sangeta Devi is wrong. Correct name Sangeta.

I, Ashwani Kumar Arya S/o Sh. Mohinder Pal Arya R/O Arya Upnagar, Narwana, Distt. Jind, inform that in my passport my name is Ashwani Kumar which is incorrect. I have changed my name to Ashwani Kumar Arya as per my Aadhar Card.

I, Ram Avtar S/o Nankoo, R/O #213, Phase 2, Bapu Dham Colony, Sector 26, Chandigarh, have changed my name from Ram Avtar to Munshilal.

Classifieds

It is notified for the information that my original qualifying examination passing Certificate secondary 10th Roll No 2135712 year 2019 issued by CBSE Board Has been actually lost. Karamveer Gurgaon

I, Shiv Chauhan S/o Dassi Chauhan R/O # 1422 Sector 52 Chandigarh declare that in my son's Adhaar card date of birth has been wrongly written as 29-10-1999. But the correct date of Birth is 29-10-2003.

I, Maninder Singh S/o Sh. Surjit Singh, R/O SC

Plea against Admiral pick rejected

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Armed Forces Tribunal on Monday dismissed Vice Admiral Bimal Verma's petition challenging the appointment of Karambir Singh as the Navy chief on the grounds that the former was the senior most officer for the top job. Verma had filed the petition days after the Government announced Singh as the new Chief after then chief Sunil Lanba was to retire on May 31. Singh took charge the next day.

In his petition in May, Verma, now heading the strategically important Andaman and Nicobar tri-service command, contended that the tribunal should call for his service records besides that of the then incoming chief and see if any "extraneous or irrelevant considerations" were placed before the competent authority to reject his case while the Navy Chief appointment was being made.

Verma also contended that he was the senior most officer after Lanba to be considered for the top job. He was overlooked by the Government and Singh was made the chief. Verma is set to retire in November.

The NDA Government in its 2014-2019 tenure set aside the convention of selecting the senior most officer as the chief and named Bipin Rawat as the Army Chief though he was junior to Lt General P Bakshi. Similarly, Karambir Singh was appointed the Navy chief.

Verma filed the petition in May after the Defence Ministry rejected his statutory complaint challenging Singh's



Portrait of Vice Admiral Bimal Verma.

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□ The Central Government after careful examination of the matter is of the opinion that this statutory petition dated April 10, 2019, from Vice Admiral Bimal Kumar Verma regarding his non-selection as the chief of naval staff is devoid of merit and be rejected, the Defence Ministry had said while rejecting the officer's plea



Portrait of Karambir Singh.

appointment. The first plea by Verma was filed in April after the Government announced its decision about Singh.

While rejecting his plea, the Defence Ministry had then clarified that though seniority is an important criterion while appointing services chiefs but it is not the "sole" criterion and has been dispensed with the past too while appointing Navy chiefs.

The Central Government after careful examination of the matter is of the opinion that this statutory petition dated April 10, 2019, from Vice Admiral Bimal Kumar Verma regarding his non-selection as the chief of naval staff is devoid of merit and be rejected," the Defence Ministry had said while rejecting the officer's plea. The Defence Ministry also

made it clear that being the seniormost officer, Vice Admiral Verma was also considered for the appointment to the post of Navy Chief but was "found unsuitable" to the appointment of the Chief of Naval Staff.

"Upon examination, the Central Government is satisfied that the parameters for selection as evident from consistent practice were applied uniformly to all the officers in the zone of consideration and based on the assessment, Vice Admiral Bimal Kumar Verma being the senior most eligible officer was considered and found unsuitable to tenant the appointment of Chief of naval staff."

"The Central Government is also satisfied that no unsubstantiated frivolous, extraneous or irrelevant consideration has had a bearing on this said selection," the Defence Ministry had said.

In the order, the Defence Ministry also mentioned that the officer was not considered for being awarded the Param Vishist Sewa Medal and was also not given the command of either the Eastern or the Western commands.

Wing Commander Anjali Singh first woman officer attaché posted abroad

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Wing Commander Anjali Singh has become the first woman officer has been appointed as an attaché in an Indian embassy abroad. The IAF officer has already taken charge as the Deputy Air attaché at the Indian Embassy in Moscow. So far, the three Services used to send male officers as Defence attachés in more than 95 countries around the world.

Breaking the glass ceiling, Singh, an officer in the aeronautical engineering wing of the IAF, will represent the country in military related matters to Russia. Moreover, the IAF has taken the lead in appointing the first ever woman officer as an envoy besides having at least eight woman pilots now in various stages of training as fighter pilots. The force has more than 1,800 woman officers and many of them are flying helicopters and transport planes besides perform the role of navigators.

With this path breaking appointment, Singh has opened the doors for her women col-



Wing Commander Anjali Singh joins as the Deputy Air Attaché in Embassy of India in Russia.

leagues in other forces also to become attaches thereby signifying growing role of women in the so far male dominated armed forces.

The Navy is also mulling picking women for such prestigious assignments and it was learnt the Service was in the process of suitable candidates for such appointments in foreign countries, sources said on Monday adding the women attaches will play a significant role in projecting India's military diplomacy.

Crackdown on wildlife online traffickers

Enforcement agencies join hands with internet firms to help stop wildlife crime based on 'click, pay and ship' policy

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

With wildlife traffickers switching from physical market to virtual ones as India's internet user population reaches 500 million, enforcement agencies are joining hands, among others, with internet firms to help crack down on wildlife cybercrime based on 'click, pay and ship' policy.

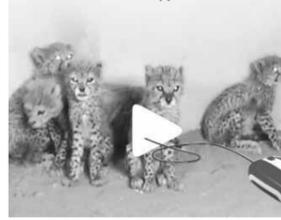
Everything from turtles and tortoises to Red Sand Boa, monitor lizard, Red Sanders, body parts of elephants, tigers, leopards etc. are being traded on various websites and mobile applications, Tilotama Varma, Additional Director, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) under the Union Environment Ministry rings the alarm bell.

She added, therefore, it becomes imperative to involve internet companies and find solutions with them to curb online illegal wildlife trade.

In this connection, a meeting was held recently here at the Ministry with companies providing online platform like Google India, Quickr, Flipkart, IndiaMART besides representatives from business chambers such as FICCI and CII, Central Zoo Authority, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Global Tiger Forum, International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), IUCN and Wildlife Trust of India among others.

The meeting organised by TRAFFIC and WCCB, in collaboration with the US Embassy here and WWF-India enabled creation of a common platform for wildlife law enforcement agencies, internet-based companies, policy makers and market leaders to highlight and discuss problems and solutions for

curbing online wildlife crime. Stressing on intensifying global efforts to end wildlife trafficking, Isabella Detwiler, acting Minister counselor for economic, environment, science and technology affairs, US Embassy, New Delhi added: "The web is the biggest marketplace for the illegal trade of wildlife. Wildlife is being trafficked from the comfort of people's homes."



A group of animals, including a tiger and a leopard, sitting together.

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TRAFFIC's India said illegal wildlife trade is a significant threat to wildlife conservation today and in recent years has increasingly moved into cyberspace. With India's internet user population reaching nearly 500 million, cybercrime has become a mounting concern. Large numbers of wildlife species and their parts and derivatives have been found on sale online, among them skins and body parts of tiger, leopard and snow leopard; elephant ivory; rhino horn; pangolin scales; marine species; birds, reptiles. Their timely detection and subsequent enforcement action are fast becoming con-

servation priorities, he added. Ravi Singh, CEO of WWF India emphasised on exploring "the possibilities of data mining, big data analysis and artificial intelligence" while MS Negi, Addl Director General (Wildlife) called the meeting need of the hour to solve the crisis.

According to IFAW's 'research into wildlife crime' last year, "the vast quantity of live animals and their body parts available for sale online and the threat this poses to the future survival of many species." The IFAW, in just six weeks in four countries had identified advertisements for 11,772 endangered and threatened specimens worth more than £3m.

To tackle wildlife crime, the Global Coalition to End Wildlife Trafficking Online, convened by WWF, TRAFFIC and IFAW was launched last year, bringing together e-commerce, technology and social media companies from across the world to reduce wildlife trafficking online. The Coalition aims to collectively reduce wildlife trafficking online by 80 per cent by 2020.

INSHORT

THREE-DAY NOTICE TO EVACUATE GOVT HOUSE

New Delhi: The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MOHA) has notified the 'Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Amendment Act, 2019 which has come into effect from Monday. As per the Amendment Act, the Estate officer will issue short show cause notice of three days before eviction of the unauthorised occupant from Government accommodation.

CEC TO VISIT MUMBAI FOR ASSEMBLY POLLS

New Delhi: A three-member delegation of the EC, headed by Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sunil Arora, will visit Mumbai for review meetings with stakeholders on Tuesday and Wednesday ahead of the Assembly elections scheduled to be held next month.

LEFT TO HOLD PROTEST AGAINST ECO POLICIES

New Delhi: The five Left parties will organise a joint protest against the economic policies of the Government. In a joint statement on Monday, leaders — Sitaram Yechury, General Secretary, CPI(M), D Raja, General Secretary, CPI, Dipankar Bhattacharya, General Secretary, CPI(ML) Liberation, Debabrata Biswas, General Secretary, AIFB and Kshiti Goswami, General Secretary, RSP said a protest will be organised to highlight growing misery on the people.

AI TO BE PART OF CLASS IX SYLLABUS

New Delhi: HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' instructed officials of his Ministry to develop syllabus on artificial intelligence introduced by the CBSE for Class IX students according to the needs of the industrial sector.

SC ALLOWS TARIGAMI TO GO BACK TO J&K

New Delhi: The SC on Monday allowed CPI (M) leader Mohd Yusuf Tarigami to go back to his home State Jammu & Kashmir. A Bench of Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and justices SA Bobde and SA Nazeer said the former MLA does not need any permission to go home if doctors at AIIMS allow him.

COLLEGIUM TAKES DECISION ON KURESHI

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Monday said the Collegium has taken a decision on the elevation of Justice Akil Kureshi as the Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court.

NAVAL EXERCISE BEGINS AT PORT BLAIR

New Delhi: A trilateral maiden naval exercise involving India, Singapore and Thailand commenced at Port Blair on Monday, the Navy said in a statement.

Is live streaming of Ayodhya case possible? SC asks its Registry

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court asked its Registry on Monday to inform it whether live streaming of the ongoing hearing in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri masjid land dispute case was possible.

A Bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi also asked the Registry to apprise it as to how much time it would take to do so, if possible. "Registry to inform if live streaming can be done and how much time it will take to do so," said the Bench also comprising justices SA Bobde and SA Nazeer.

Senior advocate Vikas Singh, appearing for former RSS ideologue KN



Govindacharya, said the petitioners have faith in the apex court but many petitioners in this case cannot come to the court to take part in the hearing on daily basis.

Since they cannot watch proceedings here, live proceedings will help them to know about details of hearing, Singh said. After the Bench passed the order, Singh sought to know from the bench about the deadline of the report from Registry. The Bench, however, said it depends on Registry.

SC to hear Patel's plea against petition challenging his RS election

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday said it will hear on September 23 the plea of senior Congress leader Ahmed Patel seeking stay on further proceedings in the Gujarat High Court on his 2017 election to the Rajya Sabha that has been challenged by rival BJP candidate Balwantsinh Rajput.

A Bench of Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justices SA Bobde and SA Nazeer agreed to

hear the plea after senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Patel, submitted that the matter is scheduled for hearing in the high court on September 27.

Singhvi, along with senior advocate Dev Dutt Kamath, said there was a need for hearing the matter in the apex court before the high court goes in for further proceedings in which the arguments are at final stage.

Patel has challenged in the

apex court the maintainability of the election petition in the High Court, the advocates said.

Till the apex court decided the maintainability of the election petition, there was a need for stay of proceedings in the high court, they said.

Patel has challenged the order of the Gujarat High Court's by which it had dismissed his plea questioning the maintainability of Rajput's election petition.

REMARK ON NORTH INDIANS

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Stepping up its attack on Union Minister Santosh Gangwar for saying that recruiters complain of lack of "quality people" in north India, the Congress on Monday demanded an apology from him, while its general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra asked him to provide figures for jobs given to people from that region in the last five years.

The Congress general secretary also posted a video of the interaction in Bareilly, held on Saturday, during which Gangwar said recruiters complain of paucity of "quality people" in north India for the posts they wish to fill. The Minister represents Bareilly constituency in the Lok Sabha. At the Congress briefing,

party leader Rajiv Shukla said the Minister's remarks that "youth of north India are not employable is a very big insult to them. The Government and the Minister concerned should clarify their position. The Minister should apologise or should say that this is the policy of the Government."

Clarifying his remarks, Gangwar said his statement "had different context". "What I said had different context that there was lack of skills and the Government has opened Skill Development Ministry..." the Union Labour Minister added

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"Mr Minister, you have said such a big thing, so please also give the figures now. How many jobs you have given in the last five years and 100 days? How many jobs you have given to north Indians in the last five years? How many jobs were given under the skill India programme?" Priyanka Gandhi said in a tweet in Hindi.

"Do remember that figures

of job losses are with the people," she added. "Mr Minister, it has been more than five years of your Government. There is no job creation. Whatever jobs have been given, they have been snatched due to the economic slowdown brought by the Government. You want to escape by insulting north Indians," she added.

Shukla also urged the Government to take note of the serious problem of economy and unemployment and

address the issue seriously and not be in a denial mode, as it was currently.

Shukla said, "If the country's Labour Minister himself is saying that the youth of north India is not employable, is incompetent and are not worthy of jobs, then the Government's problem is over...This is a very serious issue"

He claimed that though the Government has initiated the Skill India campaign but only 30 per cent of those enrolled have got jobs. "The Government should admit that there is a serious economic slowdown. This Government is in a denial mode," he said.

Training his guns on the Government, Shukla said, "It is only about speeches, statements and advertisements, there is nothing else."

Varsity in UP develops nano-silica particle to beat air pollution

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Taking a cue from the super-hydrophobic (water-repelling) nature of the lotus leaves, a team of scientists from UP-based Shiv Nadar University has developed a unique environment-friendly cost effective coating by extracting the nano-silica particle of rice husk to eliminate discoloration of the surface, physical damage or corrosion on a long-term basis.

It also has the potential to offer an alternative to crop residue burning by farmers, a major cause for air pollution in the northern part of the country. "The self-cleaning coating

is a cost-effective and eco-friendly substitute for the existing toxic paints and coatings available in the market," said Dr Harpreet Singh Grewal and Dr Harpreet Arora, Associate Professors who with their research team at the School of Engineering at Shiv Nadar University had developed the coating.

The research which has been published in the scientific journal, Progress in Organic Coatings has been sponsored by the Government's Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), and has been tested under extreme weather conditions including rain and storms. Results of the research

indicate that the exposure to the outdoor conditions has no impact on the coating. Another important feature of the coating is that it is non-toxic and can be applied on all household appliances, buildings, automobiles and industrial components to help elongate their life.

Highlighting the importance of this invention coming out of agricultural waste, Dr Rupamanjari Ghosh, Vice Chancellor of the University said, "Dust and corrosion have a detrimental impact on the industrial and mechanical operations especially in regions that deal with the problem of height-ened air pollution. Excessive

corrosion leads to unnecessary wear-and-tear of machines and devices, reducing their efficacy and functional life."

Corrosion has a huge economic and environmental impact on virtually all facets of



the infrastructure, from highways, bridges, and buildings to oil and gas rigs to factories and industrial plants.

In addition to causing severe damage and being a potent threat to public safety, corrosion

disrupts operations and requires extensive repair and replacement of failed assets. Studies have indicated that global cost of corrosion is around US\$ 2.5 trillion, which is equivalent to 3.4 per cent of global GDP.

Mishra was the prime minister's additional principal secretary and was last week elevated as his Principal Secretary after Nripendra Misra stepped down. Sinha is a former Cabinet Secretary and was last month appointed as Officer on Special Duty in the PMO before being made Modi's Principal Adviser. Mishra and Doval hold the rank of a Cabinet Minister.

HC stays Yogi's move to shift 17 OBCs to SC list

Lucknow: In a major setback to the Yogi Adityanath Government, the Allahabad High Court on Monday stayed its decision to include 17 Other Backward Castes (OBC) in the Scheduled Castes (SC) list.

The court's decision came on a petition filed by social activist Gorakh Prasad.

On June 24, the state government had directed District Magistrates and Commissioners to issue Scheduled Caste certificates to 17 OBCs - Kashyap, Rajbhar, Dhivar, Bind, Kumhar, Kahar, Kewat, Nishad, Bhar, Mallah, Prajapati, Dhimar, Batham, Turha, Godia, Manjhi and Machua.

The Government's move was apparently aimed at wooing these communities ahead of by-elections to 12 Assembly seats.

The decision, incidentally, had been criticised even by the BJP-led Central Government, with Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Thawar Chand Gehlot telling the Rajya Sabha on July 2 that the move was not in accordance with the Constitution.

Gehlot had said that if the UP Government wanted to go ahead with its proposal, it should follow procedure and send a proposal to the Centre.

BSP chief Mayawati had



also slammed the move as "unconstitutional" and called it "politically motivated."

"No Government can include or remove any caste from the Scheduled Caste list. Article 341 prevents a Government from doing so. Only the President and Parliament have the powers to do so," she had said.

Part 1 of Article 341 clearly states that the President can specify any group to the SC list through a public notification on the Governor's advice. Part 2 says that if a notification is released under part 1 of Article 341, it can only be changed by Parliament. Part 2 also states that Parliament can specify, include or exclude any group from the SC list.

She pointed out that the notification cannot be undone by any other notification.

"These castes will no longer get the benefits of quota under

the OBC category. They will be treated as general castes. It is clear that Yogi Government has issued this order to deceive these castes," Mayawati had said.

The BJP Government in Uttar Pradesh is not the first to move the 17 OBCs to the SC list.

In 2005, the then Mulayam Singh Yadav Government passed the first order to include 11 of these castes in the SC list but the order was stayed and the proposal sent to the Centre.

Subsequently, the BSP Government of Mayawati quashed the notification.

The BSP later said these castes could be included in the SC list provided the SC quota is increased.

The SP Government of Akhlesh Yadav again cleared the inclusion proposal ahead of the 2017 Assembly elections but it was challenged and is still in court.

IANS

UP honour killing: Dalit burnt alive

Hardoi (UP): A 20-year-old Dalit man was allegedly burnt alive over his relationship with a woman from another caste, a killing that his relatives said also led to his mother's death.



According to the police, the suspected case of honour killing occurred at Badesa area of Hardoi district on Saturday.

Abhishek alias Monu was beaten up, kept hostage in a house and set ablaze, Superintendent of Police Alok Priyadarshi said. Locals who rushed to the spot on hearing his cries and took him to a local hospital. He was referred to a Lucknow hospital but succumbed to injuries on the way on Sunday, the SP said.

A relative said Monu's mother died of shock after hearing the news. According to the SP, locals said Monu was in a relationship with a girl and had gone to meet her when the incident took place.

Monu was returning after arranging Rs 25,000 for the treatment of his ailing mother, Ram Beti (60), his uncle Raju said. Monu was stopped and taken to a house by some people with whom the family had an enmity. They also snatched the money and set him ablaze, according to Raju.

An FIR has been filed against five people, including two family members and two neighbours of the girl, the SP said, adding that an investigation is on. PTI

Shah's Hindi remark: DMK to stage protests on Sept 20

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Upping the ante against "Hindi imposition," a high-level DMK meet on Monday announced protest demonstrations across Tamil Nadu on September 20 to condemn Home Minister Amit Shah's Hindi pitch.

The agitation was to nip in the bud the "adverse effects" of "Hindi imposition on 'mother Tamil' and the mother tongues of people of other (non-Hindi speaking) states," a resolution adopted at the meet said.

Briefing reporters, DMK chief MK Stalin said the agitation was the first phase of protest on Hindi issue and the further



course of action will be decided on the basis of Central Government's response and consultations with like-minded parties.

No love for Hindi as rashtra bhasha is no love for India, says Tripura CM

Agartala: Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb on Monday claimed that those who are opposing Hindi as the 'rashtra bhasha' (national language) do not love the country.

He, however, made it clear that he was not against English or was not trying to impose Hindi.

"The people who are opposing Hindi as the national language are those who have no love for the country... I am supporting Hindi as the national language as most of the people of our country speak Hindi," the chief minister said.

Had the Britishers not ruled India for 200 years, there would have been no use of English in official works in the country, he said.

According to the Official Languages Act, 1963, Hindi and English are the offi-

cial languages for the Union government and Parliament.

A total of 22 languages of the country are recognised under the Eight Schedule of the Constitution.

Supporting Union Home Minister Amit Shah's assertion on Saturday that Hindi as a language can unite the whole country, Deb said, "Due to loyalty to the colonial rule, English became a status symbol for many people."

"It is not that only English speaking nations progress. Had it been the case, countries such as Germany, China, Japan, Russia and Israel would have not developed," the chief minister said.

He also urged government officers to help people in official works, who do not understand English and can speak only regional languages. PTI

No 'Shah or Sultan' can alter India's diversity, says Haasan

Chennai: Taking a dig at Union Home Minister Amit Shah on the Hindi language issue, Tamil actor-politician Kamal Haasan on Monday said "Shah, Sultan or Saamraat" should renege on the promise of unity in diversity that was made when India became a republic.

Two days after major political parties in Tamil Nadu reacted strongly to Shah's comments in connection with the celebration of Hindi Diwas, MNM party founder Kamal Haasan joined the tribe through a video message and a tweet.

"The unity in diversity is a promise we made when we made India into a Republic. Now no 'Shah, Sultan or Saamraat' should renege on that promise. We respect all languages. But our mother language will always be Tamizh," he said.

Continuing further he added: "Jalilikattu was just a protest. The battle for our language will be exponentially bigger than that. India or Tamil Nadu does not need or deserve such a battle."

"Most of the nation happily sings the national anthem in Bengali with pride and will continue to do so. The reason is the poet who wrote the national anthem gave due respect to all languages and cultures within the anthem," he said. IANS

2 injured in mob attack on family

AMU students protest, demand arrest

PTI ■ ALIGARH

At least two members of a family were injured in an alleged mob attack at a railway station here, triggering protests by Aligarh Muslim University students who said it was an attempt to lynch them.

The attack took place following an altercation Sunday as the family of Afsana Begum was getting off a train while some other passengers were trying to get into the same compartment, according to a complaint lodged with the railway police.

A little later, about 30 peo-

ple reached there and attacked Afsana Begum's family members, their complaint said. Police said two family members, Shafiq and Fahim, were admitted at AMU's Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College. Afsana Begum told reporters that four others suffered minor injuries.

Before the complaint could be lodged with the railway police, the assailants had fled. AMU students said they were outsiders. As the news spread, several Aligarh Muslim University students gathered at the station, demanding the arrest of the unidentified assailants.

Afsana Begum's family had come from Kannauj for the medical treatment of her son Shafiq. The situation was defused after GRP inspector Yashpal Singh assured them that the culprits would be booked.

Ex-Andhra Speaker commits suicide

SEELAM AROZIE ■ VIJAYWADA/HYDERABAD

Former Speaker of Andhra Pradesh Assembly and six-time TDP MLA from Narasarpot, Dr Kodela Siva Prasada Rao, allegedly committed suicide at his residence in Hyderabad on Monday.

Over the last few months, the former Speaker was in the midst of a major controversy as he was accused of diverting the Assembly furniture to his residence and his son's showroom, inviting sharp criticism from his own party as also the YSRCP Government.

However, mystery shrouds his death as authorities of the Basavatarakam Hospital, where he was shifted by his family members, said he died due to a massive heart attack. The exact reason that forced the ex-Speaker, who was also a qualified MBBS doctor, to take the drastic step is being ascertained



by the police, sources said. He is survived by wife Sasikala, daughter Vijayalakshmi and son Sivaramakrishna — both doctors. His family members said he was under tremendous stress and strain due to the allegations against him.

A case had been filed against him last month after he admitted to shifting Assembly furniture and computers from the premises to his residence in Guntur. Charges were filed under sections relating to criminal breach of trust by a public servant and dishonestly receiving stolen property at the Thullur police station in Guntur district. Assembly section officer Easwara Rao filed a complaint against the TDP leader.

The former Assembly Speaker had admitted to shifting the property. As Speaker, he claimed, he was the custodian of Assembly property so he kept the furniture in his 'safe custody' after it was 'retrieved' from the old Assembly in Hyderabad while the Capital was being shifted to Amaravati.

After his admission, officials from the Assembly had searched a showroom owned by Rao's family, last month and reportedly identified 32 chairs, four sofas, three tables, one teapoy and other items that belonged to the Assembly. Kodela justified moving the property saying if the furniture was left at the Speaker's chambers in Hyderabad, its maintenance would have been a problem.

The ruling YSR Congress, including its chief Jagan Mohan Reddy, pounced on Kodela and the TDP, accusing the former Speaker of 'stealing' the legislative property. Sattenapalli MLA

Eminent personalities in West Bengal oppose Hindi imposition

Kolkata: Over 50 eminent Bengali personalities from different walks of life have called upon the people of West Bengal to give "due respect to all languages" and "resist attempt to impose just one".

Taking to Facebook, they issued a statement on Monday, urging people to register a strong protest against any bid to edge out Bengali language from their lives.

Among the signatories are poet Subodh Sarkar, poet-columnist Binayak Bandyopadhyay, elocutionists Urmimala Basu and Jagannath Basu and independent filmmaker Pradipta Bhattacharya.

The social media statement was issued two days after Union Home Minister Amit Shah pitched for a common

language in the country and said it was Hindi which is spoken the most and can unite the country.

Apprehending that "a day may come in foreseeable future when our own language, our mother tongue, our dearest Bengali language will become threatened," it said that "intimidatory tactics" from certain quarters to impose one language should be resisted.

Sarkar, in a separate statement, said, "I respect Hindi language. But I equally respect Malayali, Marathi, Konkani and all other languages spoken in this country."

No language can be greater or smaller, no language can be superior or inferior to another, he insisted. PTI

Unhappy with Maha CID's Pansare murder probe report: Bombay HC

Mumbai: The Bombay High Court on Monday said it was "unhappy" with the probe report submitted by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) of Maharashtra CID on the killing of CPI leader Govind Pansare.

A bench of justices SC Dharmadhikari and GS Patel noted that the SIT report did not contain any "independent steps" it had taken during the course of its probe and said "things are not moving".

It was hearing petitions filed by the kin of Pansare and nationalist Narendra Dabholkar seeking a court-monitored probe in their killings.

The court said the only reason it was refraining from passing a more critical order was that it realised the officer concerned had failed to make any significant progress in the past few weeks due to floods in Kolhapur.



"The investigating officer has failed to list any independent steps in this report. Whatever you (SIT) have stated here is all resting on the probe in other cases (the probe into killings of nationalist Narendra Dabholkar and journalist Gauri Lankesh)," the bench said.

"We must convey our unhappiness. Things are not moving. We are refraining from passing critical order against the officer only in light of prevailing

conditions of continuous rains in the area. But we hope the SIT will submit a better and comprehensive report next time," the bench said.

Earlier, during the hearing, the CBI, which is investigating the Dabholkar case, also submitted a progress report on its probe.

CBI counsel, Additional Solicitor General Anil Singh, told the court the agency was working on tracing the weapons used in the case and the exercise would take another four weeks.

The HC accepted the CBI's submissions and adjourned the hearing to next month.

Dabholkar was shot dead on August 20, 2013 in Pune while on his morning walk. Pansare was shot at on February 16, 2015 in Kolhapur and succumbed to his injuries a few days later on February 20. PTI

Dengue vaccination in India from next year, says ICMR

Kolkata: Dengue vaccination will be introduced in India early next year on a demonstration basis in areas where the prevalence is high, a senior official of the Indian Council of Medical Research said here on Monday.

A serosurvey (a test of blood serum from a group of individuals) in this connection has been done recently in more than 15 states including West Bengal, and the report was published in the medical journal, Lancet Global Health, the official said. "As soon as we get the approval (from the government), as soon as all permissions and documentations are done properly, we will launch the dengue vaccine in India, ICMR Director General Prof (Dr) Balram Bhargava said. "We are looking at the use of demonstration projects for the dengue vaccine for the future in areas of high prevalence," Bhargava said. PTI

MUZAFFARPUR GANGRAPE Woman's medical report shows no injury: Police

NHRC seeks report, NCW team to visit Bihar

Bettiah/Patna: Efforts were on to nab the accused named by an 18-year-old former inmate of a Muzaffarpur shelter home who has alleged that she was gangraped inside a moving vehicle, the Bihar police said on Monday and noted it was "not ruling out anything" after a medical examination showed "no external or internal injury" to her.

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) issued a notice to the Director General of Police (DGP) of Bihar, seeking a detailed report

in four weeks in the matter while the National Commission for Women said it has formed a committee headed by chairperson Rekha Sharma which would travel to the state on September 19-20 to meet the victim.

The woman was admitted to a government medical college on Saturday evening and a medical examination was conducted by a team of doctors on Sunday.

Superintendent of Police, Bettiah, Jayantkant, said that injuries invariably found on the person of a victim of coerced sexual intercourse were absent in the medical tests reports of the complainant, who had alleged that she was sexually

assaulted by four men on Friday night.

"We are not ruling out anything at this point of time, though. The girl has named all the accused in her FIR who were, admittedly, known to her since before. We are on the look out for the accused persons as we need to examine as to whether any type of deception was involved," the SP told PTI over phone.

Asked about an audio clip that has surfaced in social media with the claim that it has voices of the four accused, besides the person driving the vehicle, while the girl was sexually assaulted close to her house, the SP said it sheds no fresh light on the case. PTI

Maharashtra to deploy drones for emergency medical supplies

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In first of its kind partnership, the Maharashtra Government has tied up with a private operator Zipline to use its logistics network of drones for delivery of blood products and emergency medicines to people in remote areas in collaboration with Serum Institute of India (SII).

Being touted as world's first and only national-scale drone delivery service, the Maharashtra's Medical Drone Delivery Service (MMDDS) will be launched in early 2020.

The MMDDS, which is being undertaken as part of the Maharashtra Government's vision to use drone delivery, seeks to establish a universal seven-days-a-week access to life-saving and critical medicines for each of its 120 million citizens over the coming years.

Zipline drones will make on-demand and emergency deliveries of blood products, vaccines and life-saving medications. Under the tie-up, Zipline will establish a total of 10 distribution centres across Maharashtra in phases in the coming years.

"The State Government's goal is to put almost all of its 120 million citizens within minutes of a lifesaving medical delivery by drone. In the first phase of operations, two distribution centres located near Pune and Nandurbar will be established to service public health facilities in those regions beginning in early 2020," an official spokesperson said.

Each of the two Zipline distribution centers in Maharashtra will cover a delivery area of more than 20,000 square km. They will collectively be capable of serving up to 20 million people. PTI

Using drones, AI and big data, India to draw up digital map with 10 cms resolution

Bengaluru: India has initiated a project to digitally map the country with a resolution of 10 centimetres, using drones and technologies such as Artificial Intelligence and big data, a senior Government official said on Monday.

The Herculean task was taken up by the Survey of India, part of the Department of Science and Technology, a few months ago and is planned to be completed in two years, the Department's Secretary, Prof Ashutosh Sharma said.

"...Now we are equipping them (Survey of India) with the latest technologies like drones, Artificial Intelligence, big data analytics, image processing and continuously operated reference system", he told



reporters on the sidelines of an event here.

Once the project is com-

pleted, the data will be available to citizens and to Gram Panchayats and local

bodies, empowering them to use it in decision making and planning process.

The survey is currently in progress in Karnataka, Haryana, Maharashtra and the Ganga basin.

"The entire Ganga basin from the beginning to the end, 25 km from either sides of the banks is being mapped with an accuracy of 10 cm," said Prof Sharma.

He stressed the need to have such a digital map.

"Even today we don't have a digital map of India of sufficient accuracy, but this (the new digital map being prepared) is (going to be) the basis for everything you do, whether we have to lay down train tracks, lay a road, put up a hospital, cleaning up Ganga, cleaning up Cauvery or any kind of development and planning," he said.

The official clarified to a question that the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) was not part of the programme.

"This is a different technology. Satellite produces image, but this one is based on drones.

This is based on two technologies because you get higher resolution with that. It is not just getting an image by flying the drone.

A map is different from an image. We have to produce a map which takes into account the curvature," Prof Sharma said.

"Now with the digital technology, each of these points you put actually a beacon...A stick...A digital station... with the help of these digital stations, whose coordinates are well-established, even using your smart phones you can do your mapping with an accuracy of 10 cm," according to him.

Digital map is different from GPS (Global Positioning System), he noted.

While the GPS may have an accuracy of a few metres, the planned digital map — with these reference points at every 20 km — increases the accuracy manifold. "So you can do mapping as you go up and down, walk around with a resolution of 10 cm or better," the official said. PTI

MORTAR SHELLING BY PAK 7 jawans escape death

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

At least seven soldiers of the Indian Army had a close shave with death when at least two mortar shells, fired by the Pakistan Army from across the Line of Control, exploded in the close vicinity of an ambush party late Sunday night.

Considering nature of injuries, the injured soldiers were immediately airlifted to a nearby military hospital past midnight. At present, these soldiers were receiving specialised treatment to recoup at the earliest. Official sources claimed all the soldiers were stable in the military hospital.

According to ground reports, "four jawans received splinter injuries while three others had received minor 'bruise' injuries after two mortars exploded nearby".

Initially, 'unconfirmed' reports late Sunday night had claimed Border Action Team (BAT) of Pakistan army comprising Special Services Group (SSG) commandos may have targeted one of the forward posts using rocket launcher to cause maximum fatal injuries to the Indian jawans. These



reports also claimed the rocket attack was carried out from a close range to maximise the impact.

However, early Monday morning, Defence PRO in Jammu, Lt-Col Devender Anand in a statement said, "Pakistan army initiated unprovoked ceasefire violation by firing of small arms and intense shelling with mortars in Balakote, Mendhar sector around 10.30 p.m on Sunday evening, "Indian army retaliated befittingly", he added.

Defence PRO also denied reports of BAT attack on one of the forward Indian post in Balakote area of Mendhar. Defence PRO clarified, only four soldiers suffered minor splinter injuries during intense mortar shelling. He said, all the

soldiers are safe and under treatment in military hospital. Meanwhile, fresh intelligence reports have also alerted the local formation commanders about regular activity of SSG commandos across some of the forward posts of Pakistan army. In the last few days, Indian agencies are observing hectic activity in areas opposite Mendhar sector.

Ground reports also indicated, several forward villages have been vacated by the Pakistan army to accommodate large number of terrorists across 'activated' launching pads in these villages. Top Indian army commanders are also keeping a close watch on the hectic activity of Pakistani army regulars in these forward areas.

CBI prepares to tighten noose as Bengal ex-top cop remains traceless

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Former Kolkata Commissioner of Police Rajiv Kumar could not be communicated as his mobile phone remained switched off. The mobile phone of his personal security officer was also traceless. The three top offices — Chief Secretary, Home Secretary and Director General of Police — of the Bengal Government had reportedly informed the Central Bureau of Investigation in response to a letter seeking his whereabouts.

The top offices, however, confirmed that the senior officer was on leave till September 25 and that the CBI's letter had been sent to his residential address. Kumar had earlier sought month's time from the CBI for appearance citing his wife's illness for which he was on leave.

The noose around the senior IPS officer and presently the Additional Director General of CID tightened further with the CBI preparing to oppose any move by him seeking anticipatory bail from a CBI

court in Kolkata.

The CBI had directed Kumar to appear before its officials on Friday within hours of his losing the judicial shield against arrest in Calcutta High Court. Kumar is being probed for his role as the chief of the Special Investigating Team former by the Mamata Banerjee Government in 2013 when the multi-crore Saradha chit fund scam became public.

According to sources certain crucial evidences including a red diary, a pen drive, lap top and several CDs and other documents referred to be other accused and witnesses had gone missing after they were reportedly seized by the SIT in 2013.

The Supreme Court handed over the case to the CBI in 2014 following mass protest against the State police for insincere investigation and tampering of evidence.

The CBI had constantly been complaining of lack of cooperation by the State Police including Kumar who had repeatedly ignored its notice to appear before the Agency.

Didi to meet Modi on Wednesday

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will fly to Delhi on Tuesday where she will meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday to discuss a whole lot of administrative issues, including the unfulfilled financial and other demands of the State Government, sources at State secretariat Nabanna said.

Mamata Banerjee's sudden visit to Delhi comes against the backdrop of ongoing battle between BJP and TMC over National Register for Citizens and mounting CBI pressure on former Kolkata Police Commissioner Rajiv Kumar who reportedly remained "incommunicado" for the third day on Monday after losing the shield against arrest in Calcutta HC. Kumar is being investigated for his role in the preliminary round of investigations in the Saradha chit fund case.

The Prime Minister is likely to meet Banerjee at 4 pm on Wednesday, sources said whereafter she will return to Kolkata on Thursday. Nabanna sources said adding "an appointment was sought by the chief minister's office last week for a meeting with the Prime Minister... it will take place in New Delhi on Wednesday", sources said adding among a "whole lot of

issues State's long pending demands" could be discussed.

With the Chief Minister being Modi's staunchest of critics the two leaders are likely to meet each other after a yawning gap of about 18 months. The last time they met for a few moments was at Vishwa Bharati (Shantiniketan) in 2018 where the Prime Minister had come to attend an official programme.

The Wednesday's meeting assumes significance not only against the backdrop of steadily deteriorating chemistry

between the two leaders but also against the CBI's tightening noose around senior IPS officer Rajiv Kumar who is currently functioning as the Additional Director General of CID.

On whether Banerjee would also raise the issue of NRC with the Prime Minister TMC sources said "there is nothing new in a Chief Minister of an opposition party meeting the Prime Minister. No politics should be seen in it. Didi will raise a range of issues including State's pending demands."

Mamata saving herself from CBI, mocks BJP

Kolkata: The BJP leadership Monday mocked West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for seeking an appointment to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Delhi calling it a "classic example of opportunistic politics" and "a desperate attempt to save herself from the clutches of CBI".

The appointment for the meeting was sought by the chief minister's office last week and Banerjee is likely to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the national capital on

Wednesday, state secretariat sources said on Monday.

She will be leaving for New Delhi on Tuesday, the sources said. BJP national secretary Rahul Sinha said, "We all know the kind of language she (Banerjee) had used against Prime Minister Narendra Modi during Lok Sabha elections and afterwards. She never had any regard for the federal structure and had even said she does not feel the need to respect Modiji as Prime Minister. PTI

Pawar terms deserters 'cowards'

Mumbai: NCP chief Sharad Pawar has termed those who left his party to join the ruling BJP as "cowards", and said people will show the deserters their place in the upcoming Maharashtra Assembly elections.

In a setback for the NCP, several senior party leaders recently joined the BJP and the Shiv Sena.

"They are cowards... People of Maharashtra will take care of such people in the elections," Pawar said on Sunday, a day after senior leader Udayanraje Bhosale quit the NCP and his



Lok Sabha membership from Satara and joined the BJP.

"There are some people who have lost their self-respect and switched over to the BJP. I think people will show them their place in the Assembly polls," he said. Pawar, who founded the

NCP in 1999 after walking out of the Congress, said he worked in opposition for 27 years.

"I managed to work in the opposition at times more effectively. But I don't feel like sitting with this kind of opposition (leaders)," he said.

Besides Bhosale, some of the other prominent leaders who quit the NCP recently include former ministers Jaidutta Kshirsagar, Ganesh Naik and Sachin Ahir, and former state unit president Bhaskar Jadhav. The NCP chief also attacked the NDA government over the

condition of the economy.

"This government has left many people jobless. This time people will give them a strong message," he said.

Pawar also took a dig at state Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis ahead of his scheduled visit to Sangli and Kolhapur districts, which were the worst hit by unprecedented floods last month.

"He (Fadnis) went there (in flood-hit areas) only once just for few hours and never visited again," he said. PTI

Guv sent Registers Bill to Prez, says Mizoram speaker

Aizawl: Mizoram Assembly speaker Lalrinliana Sailo on Monday said the State Governor has informed him that he referred to President Ram Nath Kovind a Bill that seeks to detect foreigners illegally residing in the northeastern state.

The Mizoram Maintenance of Household Registers Bill, 2019, was unanimously passed by the Assembly on March 18. Mizoram shares an over 700-km border with Bangladesh

and Myanmar and the measures proposed in the Bill are intended to provide a credible individual identification system and to prevent "usurpation" of benefits of developmental schemes by people who are not bona fide.

Sailo told PTI today that he met Governor Prof Jagdish Mukhi on Friday at the Raj Bhavan here to inquire about the fate of the bill. "The Governor told me that he has referred the Bill to the

President. However, he was yet to officially inform it to the chief minister or the assembly speaker," Sailo said.

According to the Article 200 of the Constitution, he said, if the governor has to return a Bill, it has to be done "as soon as possible" after the bill was presented to him. Meanwhile, the speaker on Monday again urged President Ram Nath Kovind to appoint a regular governor for Mizoram expeditiously. PTI

Kin allege lack of ventilator in Sion Hospital killed man

Mumbai: A senior citizen died on Monday in civic-run Sion Hospital with family members alleging that he was not provided a ventilator and efforts to sustain him with an ambu pump proved futile.

Nabi Ahmed Ansari (65), a resident of Ambernath in neighbouring Thane district, had suffered brain haemorrhage last week and was shifted from a private hospital there to Sion Hospital soon after, the deceased's brother-in-law Noor Ansari said. "For two days, we could not arrange a ventilator and were using an ambu pump every two hours as instructed by authorities. We had inquired about ventilators in other civic hospitals as well but in vain," Ansari said. Sion Hospital Dean Dr Mohan Joshi said he was unaware of the number of ventilators available at the medical facility, among the biggest in Mumbai, but added that the use of ambu pumps, to mimic the work of ventilators, in such cases was common practice. PTI

FORM A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
(Under Regulation 6 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016)

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF M/S MAGIC INFO SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED

RELEVANT PARTICULARS

1. Name of Corporate Debtor	M/s Magic Info Solutions Private Limited
2. Date of incorporation of Corporate Debtor	21.05.2006
3. Authority under which Corporate Debtor is incorporated / registered	Registrar of Companies, (Delhi) under Companies Act, 1956/ 2013
4. Corporate Identity No. / Limited Liability Identification No. of corporate debtor	U70100DL2006PTC149035
5. Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of corporate debtor	D-13, Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024
6. Insolvency commencement date in respect of corporate debtor	05.09.2019, being date of order passed by Hon'ble NCLT (Order received by IRP on 14.09.2019).
7. Estimated date of closure of insolvency resolution process	03.03.2020
8. Name and Registration number of the insolvency professional acting as interim resolution professional	Gaurav Katiyar IBBI/PA-001/IP-P00209/2017-18/10409
9. Address and e-mail of the interim resolution professional, as registered with the board	Add: D-32, East of Kailash, New Delhi - 110065 Email: gauravkatiyar@gmail.com
10. Address and e-mail to be used for correspondence with the interim resolution professional	Add: D-32, East of Kailash, New Delhi - 110065 E-mail: magicinfo.corp@gmail.com
11. Last date for submission of claims	28.09.2019
12. Classes of creditors, if any, under clause (b) of sub-section (6A) of section 21, ascertained by the interim resolution professional	Alotee under real estate project
13. Names of insolvency professionals identified to act as authorised Representative of creditors in a class (three names for each class)	1. Mr. Manoj Kumar Singh IP Registration no.: IBBI/PA-003/IP-N0050/2017-18/10443 Address: 203, 2nd Floor, 10 Sikka Complex Community Centre, Preet Vihar, New Delhi-110092 E-mail: cna.mksingh@gmail.com 2. Mr. Mukul Kumar IP Registration no.: IBBI/PA-001/IP-P01670/2019-2020/12642 Address: D-31/304, The Legend, Sushant Lok Phase 3, Sector 57, Gurgaon, Haryana-122011 E-mail: adv.mksingh@gmail.com 3. Mr. Shyam Arora IP Registration no.: IBBI/PA-002/IP-N00546/2017-2018/11703 Address: 96, Aravali Apartment, Alaknanda, New Delhi, National Capital Territory of Delhi-110019 E-mail: arora.shyam@yahoo.com
14. (a) Relevant forms and (b) Details of authorized representatives are available at:	Web link: https://bbi.gov.in/home/downloads https://bbi.gov.in/ins-register/registered-ips The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), 7th Floor, Mayapuri Extension, Shantika Market, Connaught Circus, New Delhi-110001

Notice is hereby given that the National Company Law Tribunal has ordered the commencement of a corporate insolvency resolution process of the M/s Magic Info Solutions Private Limited on 05.09.2019. The creditors of M/s Magic Info Solutions Private Limited, are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on or before 28.09.2019 to the interim resolution professional at the address mentioned against entry No. 10.

The financial creditors shall submit their claims with proof by electronic means only. All other creditors may submit the claims with proof in person, by post or by electronic means.

A financial creditor belonging to a class, as listed against the entry No. 12, shall indicate its choice of authorised representative from among the three insolvency professionals listed against entry No. 13 to act as authorised representative of the class [Alotee under real estate project of the Corporate Debtor] in Form CA.

Submission of false or misleading proofs of claim shall attract penalties.

Date: 16 September 2019
Place: New Delhi
Name and Signature of Interim Resolution Professional: Gaurav Katiyar

Aarey metro car shed will meet Nanar refinery's fate: Uddhav

Mumbai: A day after Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis batted for a metro rail car shed in the metropolis' Aarey area, principal ally Shiv Sena's chief Uddhav Thackeray has warned the plan could end up like the aborted Nanar refinery in the Konkan region.

Uddhav's assertion has the potential to further widen the chasm between the two saffron parties which are hassling over the number of seats to contest the assembly elections, due next month.

The car shed plan for Metro 3 (Colaba-Bandra-Seez) line is in the midst of an acrimonious debate as the work will see the felling of over 2600 trees in the Aarey area, considered among the city's prime green lungs. Responding to a question

on the car shed, Thackeray said, "It will meet the fate of the Nanar oil refinery".

Incidentally, Thackeray's son and Yuva Sena head Aaditya Thackeray has been vocal in his opposition to the metro plan.

A proposed ₹3 lakh crore refinery in Nanar in the state's Ratnagiri district had to be scrapped after the Sena put up a stiff resistance.

In March this year, the State Government scrapped a notification issued in May 2017 to acquire 5,932 hectares of land across 14 villages in Ratnagiri district and two villages in Sindhudurg district for the refinery.

On Sunday, Fadnis said the Supreme Court had clarified that the (Aarey) land did not come under forest or bio-diversity. PTI



Workers at the construction site of phase one of Pune Metro Rangehill Depot, Shivajinagar in Pune city on Monday PTI

JD(S) will contest elections alone, says Deve Gowda

Bengaluru: Days after indicating that his party was still open for continuing its alliance with the Congress, JD(S) patriarch HD Deve Gowda on Monday spoke about going it alone, as he predicted mid-term polls in Karnataka.

"There are chances of mid-term polls in the State. If they come, let's contest independently without going for an alliance with anyone," Gowda was quoted as saying in a statement by his office.

"Will not still commit that mistake. Let's face all the elections independently," he said.

After engaging in a blame game over the collapse of their coalition government, Gowda on Thursday indicated his party was still open for continuing its alliance with the Congress.

He had hinted that he was open for an alliance with the Congress in 17 assembly constituencies, where bypolls have been necessitated following the disqualification of rebel MLAs, but said it all depended on the decision of the national party's interim president Sonia Gandhi. Gowda and Congress strongman in the state

Siddaramaiah had recently blamed each other for the collapse of the H D Kumaraswamy led coalition Government in July after it was rocked by disidence. Both Congress and JD(S) leaders have also been non-committal over the continuation of the alliance after the fall of the coalition government.

Congress leaders, including state party chief Dinesh Gundu Rao and Siddaramaiah, the Congress legislature party leader, have maintained that continuation of the alliance will be decided by the high command.

However, several top party leaders, speaking on condition of anonymity, had recently said that the entire rank and file of the party were happy to end the partnership with JD(S).

Amid speculations that several JD(S) legislators may quit the party, the former Prime Minister said he was not worried about it and knows how to organise the party. Gowda has also asked party workers to take the message of the 'good work' done by H D Kumaraswamy as Chief Minister in the previous coalition government, to every household. "Those who have grown

from the party have spoken against it. I have organized the party, believing in party workers. Let anyone quit. Will not feel disheartened," he added.

Recently former Minister G T Devegowda and S R Srinivas had openly commented against the party leadership, especially Kumaraswamy. Predicting the assembly elections in January or February, Gowda said he and Kumaraswamy would undertake a state-wide tour to strengthen the party.

"The good work done by HDK during the coalition Government will help us," he said, as he called on the party workers to strengthen the organisation, setting aside minor differences. Also repeatedly predicting mid-term polls, Siddaramaiah has said that the BJP Govt cannot survive for long as it has come to power with the help of 17 Congress-JD(S) disqualified MLAs.

The absence and resignation of 17 Congress-JD(S) MLAs during the trust vote had led to the collapse of the HD Kumaraswamy headed coalition government in July and helped the BJP come to power. PTI

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male Age: 40 years, Face: Oval, Complexion: Wheatish, Hair: Small and Black, Height: 5'4", was found unconscious condition in front of Shop No. F-162, Sarojini Nagar, New Delhi at 12 Midnight. In this regard a DD No. 36 A, dated 06.09.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Sarojini Nagar, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

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S.No	Job No.	Name of Work	Amount in Lac
A 1	05/GM(R)/SM(WC-2)/2019-20	Emergency work (Beautification of Vilopit Koodaghar at various locations in the Area of Work Circle-5), Noida	₹ 55.81
B 2	13/GM(R)/SM(WC-2)/2019-20	M/O Road (Micero Simulation Analysis and Improvement of Traffic Circulation near upcoming under ground car parking at Film City Sector-16A), Noida	₹ 36.39

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C 3	05/GM(R)/SM(WC-4)/2019-20	Other Maintenance work (P/F Gril work on Central verge between Sector-62-63 at road No.-6), Noida	₹ 52.53

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Amit Shah's proposal to make Hindi the unifying language is unworkable and threatens our federal plurality



Perhaps nobody could have articulated the difference between a transactional language and the tongue you are born with than the great Nelson Mandela himself, who was as rooted as global. "If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his mother language that goes to his heart," he said. Our Constitutional fathers understood this and despite their attempt at breaking the colonial shadow with a pan-India language — something which could be argued better during a

pure nationalist surge after Independence — couldn't make either Hindi or Sanskrit the preferred alternative. More than the political opposition that came from regional leaders, our predecessors, in their infinite wisdom, understood that language was more about culture, identity and one of the many concrete embodiments of "unity in diversity" than it was about a tool of communication. As a result, Hindi and all other languages were accorded official language status, a peerage of sorts. And may we say that this policy has neither affected inclusive development, nor changed the national narrative so far. So while English continued to be a link language of economic mobility and global engagement, each State, as is the nature of federal polity, conducted business in it as well as their own familiar words. Besides, language wars or the North versus South debates are well past their expiry date as even the UN has certified that mother languages are intrinsic to human development. These help establish our personalities and relationships with our families, society and the larger world outside, defining the way we express ourselves and establish our confidence. So Home Minister Amit Shah's bold claim that Hindi should be made the national unifier language and a voice to the world is not only ludicrously revisionist but defeats the civilisational idea of India, which functions as a beehive of plurality rather than as a smartcard monolith of "one India, one language." Of course, in the current swell of jingoism, nobody would want to listen to reason. Imagine if a Tamil-speaking farmer had to avail a Government scheme in the back of the beyond and is expected to not only read Hindi but understand the fine print and sign off, then it is all about unfair imposition, cultural dwarfism and centrist exclusivity over an empathetic embrace. The poor farmer will have no option but to rely on interlocutors and unnecessary bureaucratic inefficiencies. Similarly, howsoever much we may want to disown English, it has become our common connector, an asset for global empowerment, a social aspiration and the reason that the offshore business processing industry was one of the first to take off in India. How would one talk the language of science without peppering it with English? How would one change academic discipline in higher institutions where English is the accepted and entrenched medium of instruction? How would one score in the professional space of multinational companies where English is common currency? And rarely have Hindi-speaking people not chosen to pursue English.

By the same logic, the government machinery would be bound to use a single language as a working medium and that privilege would automatically be discriminatory to those officers whose mother tongue isn't Hindi. According to Article 343 of the Constitution of India, "the official language of the Union shall be Hindi in Devanagari script and (2) Notwithstanding anything in clause (1), for a period of 15 years from the commencement of this Constitution, the English language shall continue to be used for all official purposes of the Union for which it was being used immediately before such commencement." Schedule 8 allows reviewing the progressive use of Hindi but doesn't run down English or takes away the State legislature's right to opt for the language of use. Besides, it clarifies that all authoritative texts must be done in English as well. If anybody thinks that enforcing a language code would foster national integration, then one just needs to look back at how language riots in southern India have at one time threatened it instead. In the words of CN Annadurai, "if we had to accept the principle of numerical superiority while selecting our national bird, the choice would have fallen not on the peacock but on the common crow." Bollywood, often cited as a mass catalyst of the Hindi-speaking market, has only 43 per cent of our total box office revenue. The rest of the pie belongs to regional films. Let's not tinker with the avoidable. Homogeneity isn't always an asset.

War clouds

A drone and missile attack on the Abqaiq oil processing facility should send alarm bells ringing across the world



The shock of the drone and missile attack on the Abqaiq oil processing facility should worry everyone. Not only did it take offline half of Saudi Arabian oil production, the development highlights how critical infrastructure facilities can be targeted by drones from an "unknown" entity. Of course, now the spectre of another conflagration in the Persian Gulf looms large, especially after US President Donald Trump said his nation is "locked and loaded" and attributed the explosions to Iran's nefarious designs on American

interests. If this escalates, oil prices might rise dramatically even though the cooling global economy will possibly temper that. Although Saudi firms have affirmed that there would not be any shortage of supply, repairing reservoirs might take time and India would have to look for an alternative then. Early estimates show that around six per cent of global supplies could be hit. We have imported 19 per cent crude and disruptions could impact our volatile economy.

There are major lessons that India should take from all this. The first relates to protecting critical defence and infrastructural sites from drone attacks. As we learnt when the Gatwick Airport in London was shut down for almost a week, thanks to drones overflying the runways, precision strikes do not need to be fiery and violent to damage the economy. Nations will need to figure out how they will be able to combat drones which can do disproportionate economic damage. Analysing the images from Saudi Arabia, repairs will cost millions of dollars while the attack may have taken just a few thousand dollars to execute. It is also extremely puzzling why Saudi Arabia allowed one of its most critical infrastructure sites to be so poorly guarded and vulnerable. However, just as the Saudis will learn from this lapse, so should India. We must also be prepared for the worst possible outcome in the Middle-East, a war. The clinical nature of the attack makes it impossible to have been conducted by a "non-state" actor (to use Pakistan's favourite term). Any conflict in the region will send oil prices soaring, something the Indian economy, mismanaged to the point of disaster, does not need right now. However, citizens should be made aware of the consequences of such a possibility. This attack should also speed up development of alternative fuels and energy sources, which may not be a bad thing indeed. This is by far the worst shock to global supplies than when Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait in 1990 and the Islamic Revolution in Iran in 1979.

Perils of GM farming

Global agricultural firms have been spreading the myth that GMOs are needed to feed India when actually, the country needs agro-ecological systems to preserve its biodiversity



SANDHYA JAIN

Seventeen scientists, who consistently advocated Genetically Modified (GM) crops in India, are anxious to revive GMs despite the Centre's growing emphasis on organic farming and native cattle breeds to boost nutritional standards nationwide. The Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana and the Rashtriya Gokul Mission are gaining popularity among farmers. Alarmed at the scale of soil degradation in the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his Independence day address, urged the farmers to reduce consumption of chemical fertilisers by at least 25 per cent.

Almost parallel to this plea, in *Current Science* (Vol 117, No 3, August 10, 2019), the scientists suggest that GM food crops, ie, Bt-Brinjal that was placed under a moratorium by the then Union Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh and GM-Mustard that was almost cleared for field trials when activists scuttled the attempt, be cleared for commercial cultivation. This activism seeks to reverse Dr MS Swaminathan's admission that green revolution technologies had harmed the environment and that Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) and Ht (herbicide tolerant) crops are highly unsustainable (*Current Science*, Vol 115, No 10, November 25, 2018). The article created outrage in pro-GM circles.

Claiming that Bt-cotton made India a cotton exporting country, the proponents say the virtual ban on Bt-brinjal and GM-mustard is hurting India's food and nutrition security that is challenged by population growth, availability of land, water and human resources. They point out that major Western science academies insist there are no genotoxic effects in Bt and Ht crops. In 2016, the US National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine published a 420-page report on GM crops and observed, "Bt in maize and cotton from 1996 to 2015 contributed to a reduction in the gap between actual yield and potential yield under circumstances in which targeted pests caused substantial damage to non-GE varieties and synthetic chemicals could not provide practical control."

This report, the GM champions assert, states that Bt crop actually increased insect biodiversity on farms compared to non-Bt crop farms on which insecticide was sprayed. The report said the emergence of secondary pests and resistant pink bollworm in India is due to the non-implementation of the refuge strategy. A 2010 report of the European Commission noted, "biotechnology, in particular Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs), are not *per se* more risky than conventional plant breeding technologies."

GM backers claim that 147 original studies based on primary data from farm surveys anywhere in the world, reporting impact of GM soybean, maize or cotton on crop yields, pesticide use and farm profits



showed that on an average, GM technology reduced pesticide use by 37 per cent, increased crop yields by 22 per cent and increased farmer profits by 68 per cent. Regarding livestock, data from publicly available sources from 1997 to 2011, covering over 100 billion animals, did not reflect negative trends in livestock health and productivity from GM crop-feeds.

Pro-GM scientists doubt the finding of the World Health Organisation's International Agency for Research on Cancer that glyphosate is linked to cancer. The fact, however, is that Austria has already banned glyphosate and Germany has decided to ban it by the end of 2023 as part of an insect (bees, butterflies) conservation programme. Nearly 20 French mayors banned it from their municipalities in August 2019 in defiance of the national Government. Pro-GM scientists recommend GM technology in grains (golden rice) and vegetables, along with the risky gene editing technology. Ironically, they have been blocking the release of Bt-cotton hybrids/varieties developed by scientists of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (which have safer toxic limits than Monsanto) in

the past three years and are trying to influence Government policy for Monsanto/Bayer profits.

The scientists deliberately ignore the fact that the department-related parliamentary standing committee on Science & Technology, Environment & Forests (August 25, 2017) had categorically asserted that no GM crop should be introduced in India until the bio-safety and long-term effects are evaluated by an independent and transparent process. The standing committee discovered that not a single Government agency had ever conducted studies to assess the impact of Bt-Cotton on the environment, bio-diversity, bio-safety, ecosystem (soil), human and animal health.

A former Secretary of the Department of Biotechnology admitted that his department had no independent research on the impact of GM crops and most research was from the seed and insecticide companies, which cannot be relied upon. The department of health research also admitted that it had not examined the impact of GM crops on human health.

Environmentalist Vandana Shiva points out that the green revolution, based on chemicals and hybrid crops, devastated

India in myriad ways — from loss of agro-biodiversity to degraded soils to water emergency. In 2002, the Government legalised the illegal planting of Bt-cotton. Despite energetic marketing, hard official data proves that Bt-cotton has failed, trapped farmers in debt and is implicated in farmer suicides. Worse, Monsanto's HT Roundup Cotton, which has been planted illegally for over a decade, might be legalised.

Illegal planting of Bt-brinjal in many States is extremely dangerous as India has the world's greatest genetic diversity in brinjal (over 2,500 varieties, including wild varieties), which could suffer irreversible contamination. The motive is to gain access to our incredible germplasm. Global agricultural corporations are keen to control our agriculture with their seeds, chemicals and monoculture farming and are spreading the myth that GMOs are needed to feed India.

At a seminar, Beyond Corporate Driven Industrial Agriculture to Climate Resilient Agroecology (September 6, 2019), experts said India does not need genetic engineering as traditional plant breeding and

newer methods "outperform GE hands down." The world needs agro-ecology to overcome climate change and the vicious cycles of hunger, farming stress and poverty. Recent global scientific review (February 2019) warns that the steep decline in insect populations (40 per cent of insects could become extinct in the next few decades) could trigger the collapse of ecosystems worldwide. The main culprit is industrial scale, intensive agriculture with pesticides and fertilisers. Only agro-ecological systems preserve forests and sequester carbon by naturally removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, locking it in plants and, thus, mitigate climate change.

Way back in 1940, Albert Howard (*An Agricultural Testament*) noted that Indian peasants led the world in agro-ecology. India must recover this native wisdom by preserving its biodiversity and seed sovereignty so that future generations are free of hunger and in harmony with humanity and nature.

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SOUNDBITE

Nationalist Muslims vote for BJP but those who are in favour of Pakistan and are traitors think twice before voting for the BJP.

Karnataka Minister —KS Eshwarappa



Everybody's always gonna comment about whatever seems intriguing and he's (Bradley Cooper) one of my best friends in the world.

Actor —Laura Dern



When two nuclear-armed nations fight a conventional war, there is every possibility that it could escalate into a nuclear war and impact the world.

Pakistan Prime Minister —Imran Khan



Why does a former J&K CM (GN Azad) need to seek permission from SC to travel to J&K? It shows that there is no normalcy in Kashmir.

AIMM leader —Asaduddin Owaisi



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Statements that divide

Sir — I love Hindi but imposing it as a national language and creating an unequal advantage for naturalised Hindi speakers is gross discrimination and cannot be a unifier. The Government, having no reform or development measures to boast of, is targeting people's sentiments. But this time, it has scored a self-goal that may cost it electorally in the future. The Congress' history in this regard should be instructive.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee
Faridabad

Raking controversy

Sir — The idea of "one nation, one language" mooted by Union Home Minister Amit Shah has expectedly been met with resistance, especially from the southern States. Parties from Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh have been more vocal against the proposal and have accused Shah of running a "divisive agenda" and foisting the "RSS agenda on the country".

While a large number of people in the south do not under-

Accommodation is the key, not imposition

What can be achieved through persuasion should not be imposed through force. Hindi and south India have a peculiar relationship. It is a fact that people in this part of the country are increasingly becoming conversant with this language through Bollywood films and interactions with Hindi-speaking people. Nevertheless, most of us still suffer from the "typical southern slang." Early in June, the Modi Government was caught in the middle of a language storm. The draft National Education Policy had created a perception that Hindi was being made compulsory in all non-Hindi-speaking States. Such was the intensity of the backlash that it was forced to tweak the draft to allay fears. This time, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has test-fired a "one-language" mission, projecting Hindi as the singular choice that can unite the country. Shah should remember that the Constitution does not declare any single language as "national." Hindi is one of the 22 scheduled languages in the country and one of its two official languages at the national level, the other being English.

Many States are more comfortable with English as a link language. The Government should endeavour to ensure that people get quality education and access to speaking skills instead of raising non-issues

stand Hindi, it is gradually penetrating this region due to a number of factors like migration. Yet another reason for the spread of Hindi culture is Bollywood, which is becoming far more popular over there.

Even without any imposition, by far, Hindi as a language has made its presence far and wide. In 1971, 36.9 per cent of Indians spoke Hindi as a first language. In 2011, this increased to 43.6 per cent. In the long run, Hindi may

occupy primacy if the Centre does not force the language on the people. As of now, the English language is more acceptable, especially in the south than Hindi. The status of English as a medium of communication to non-

JS Acharya
Hyderabad



Hindi States has remained unchallenged until now. The idea of imposing Hindi on non-Hindi speaking people must be buried until people come forward to accept Hindi as the language of communication in lieu of English.

KV Seetharamiah
Hassan

Diverting attention

Sir — At a time when the country is faced with an economic crisis, it is unfortunate that Union Home Minister Amit Shah has raked up the issue of nationalising the Hindi language. Maybe this is a tactic to divert people's attention from some of the most pressing concerns pertaining to the economy.

Undoubtedly, the call for unity is noble but to think that it can come only out of uniformity is flawed. The BJP's landslide victory must not make it lose its head and cause it to become arrogant, autocratic and non-amenable to reasoning.

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FIRST COLUMN

The magic of 370 SUVs

I wonder whether the tax department is taking note of the huge amounts being spent by the candidates for the Assembly polls



SHOBHIT MAHAJAN

The cavalcade seemed unending and 10 am on a Sunday morning is an unusual time to be stuck in a traffic jam. The reason, it turns out, is the huge number of Sports Utility Vehicles (SUVs) blocking the road. Each vehicle is adorned with big posters informing us that this is a rally for one of the prospective candidates for the upcoming Legislative Assembly elections due by the end of the year. The rally is to go to Rohtak to impress the party leader who has his own roadshow there. Young lumps wearing saffron T-shirts with the prospective candidate's photograph on it are energetically hanging out of the SUVs, a la Bollywood heroes. Going by the chaos and noise that is already being generated, I shudder to imagine what we are in for over the next few weeks.

I shouldn't have been surprised though. For the last couple of months, the whole of Delhi has been humming with election-related activity. The number of ticket seekers for the ruling party's nomination, since that seems a no-brainer, has been growing every day. And each of these prospects is outdoing the other by showering the electorate with incentives as well as plastering the whole city with their hoardings. T-shirts, clocks, badges, caps and saffron scarves are all the rage it seems. Each of these items helpfully has the benevolent donor's photograph along with of course our leader's picture — as if it was not enough to have his face ubiquitously staring at us from billboards publicising the Ujala Scheme, Ayushman Bharat and other sundry welfare programmes. It is the same story with hoardings — there is hardly an electricity pole, or a tree or even a fence left which does not carry multiple posters.

A novelty in this election is the use of the social media. Almost all of them have bought advertising space from Google and Facebook. Open a search page and there you have the smiling mug shot of one or more of these candidates promising to turn the dusty and dirty city into a paradise. Fortunately no one is promising to make the pot-holed roads as smooth as the cheeks of a baby as yet!

Incentives, hoardings and social media are not the only outlets being used to publicise and woo voters. Some candidates have found innovative methods of luring the electorate. Organising religious sermons and body-building contests seem passé—the latest one is religious tourism. One candidate organised an all-expenses paid trip to Vaishno Devi. Every day, for about a month, several air-conditioned Volvo busses would take people to the shrine. Their food, lodging and, of course, travel all taken care of. The buses carried huge banners with the suitably saffron-attired candidate's photograph. It remains to be seen whether those who earned some religious merit due to his benevolence would reciprocate on election day.

Then there is another candidate who is going about all this with a precision which would make a management guru proud. This gentleman started his campaign early—hoardings with his mustachioed face, suitably air-brushed to soften the obviously macho image have been all over the city for more than two months. The gentleman in question is the scion of an immensely wealthy family—his father, who incidentally has also unsuccessfully contested many elections, owns large swathes of property in and around the city.

The candidate has obviously hired an image consultant as well as a political strategist to appeal to different segments. Thus, for instance, a musical evening is organised with a popular singer to attract teenagers, while a programme honouring ex-servicemen with several mustachioed generals is held to buttress his patriotic credentials. Since one of the largest communities now in the city is from Poorvanchal, a gala extravaganza was organised recently with performances by all the leading lights of Bhojpur cinema. This event was meticulously planned with camera cranes and mega sized projection screens to showcase the candidate while the audience of migrant Poorvanchalis waited patiently for their favourite stars to make an appearance. These and other events are then also advertised through ads in leading English dailies.

Needless to say, all this costs a large amount of money. Of course, the elections have not been announced and so the model code of conduct is not in force. But I wonder whether the sleuths of the tax department are taking note of tens of crores which are being so obviously spent by the candidates? The next time I get an Income Tax notice to explain an income of a few thousand, I shall be recalling the ubiquitous mustachioed face! I am pondering all this while sitting in the traffic jam while the SUV cavalcade inches along. I notice that the cars are all numbered sequentially and there is another number too on each of them—370. It turns out that the candidate was so enamoured by the recent heroic acts of the present dispensation that he decided to take a caravan of 370 SUVs to welcome the leader. I thanked our founding fathers for restricting the number of Articles in the Constitution to 448 only.

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I WANT TO APPEAL TO PEOPLE TO PROMOTE THEIR NATIVE LANGUAGES BUT ALSO USE HINDI TO MAKE THE DREAM OF BAPU AND PATEL COME TRUE.

—UNION HOME MINISTER
AMIT SHAH

POINTCOUNTERPOINT



KARAN BHASIN



PRACHI JHAMB

IT'S PART OF THE SANGH PARIVAR'S PLAN TO LAUNCH A NEW BATTLEFIELD IN THE NAME OF LANGUAGE.

—KERALA CHIEF MINISTER
PINARAYI VIJAYAN

Recovery will take time

The pace of economic reforms indicates that the FM has grasped the problem and we should see a fiscal revival but it may have an impact only from the third quarter



There has been a lot of talk on the economic slowdown ever since we saw the first quarter growth results. The fact remains that the Finance Ministry has been working round-the-clock to address some of the critical concerns on the economic front both in the short and the long-term.

However, as is the case, most such measures are likely to have an impact only from the third quarter onwards. But the pace of reforms indicates that the Government has understood the different contours of the problem — and this should be a positive sign for economic revival.

As far as the second quarter is concerned, now is the time to look at the high frequency indicators and sit down to forecast economic growth. As with any forecasting exercise, it's important to keep in mind that most such exercises are subject to statistical errors and conditional on whatever information is made available at the time of the forecast. In all likelihood, we will update our forecast in the first week of October.

One of the authors had a forecast of 5.0-5.4 per cent of growth for the first quarter while another predicted 5.2-5.6 for the second quarter. Since then we've seen further weakening of consumption data, combined with less than encouraging automobile sales.

The automobiles industry makes up around seven per cent of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) but it has been in the news for slowing down tremendously, leading to loss of jobs and further impacting the slowdown in consumption. The data released by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) on sale of all vehicles in India shows that the growth in sales fell the most post-2018. The data on private vehicles shows the same trend.

However, the data on commercial vehicles shows that growth was the slowest in 2016 and even though it recovered in 2017, growing at about 29 per cent, since then it has slowed down. The growth in sales of two-wheelers and three-wheelers has been falling since the first quarter of 2018. The fact that the automobiles sector is facing a slowdown shouldn't come as a surprise, given that it had a significantly higher growth in the preceding year. So, part of the slowdown is because of the high growth last year while the rest is explained by the Non-Banking Financial Companies' (NBFC) crisis, the shift to BS-VI emission norms and, of course, to the use of Ola/Uber.

Consequently, there is a need to re-imagine the automobile business and many leaders of the industry have expressed this sentiment over the last couple of weeks. Further, the low consumption growth is well reflected in the monthly Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection numbers which have only witnessed a modest growth on a year-over-year basis. Therefore, in all probability, growth in the second quarter is likely to be muted— but, from the third quarter onwards, we may see a swift recovery aided by several measures by the Finance Ministry.

Our forecast for the second quarter has modified since as recent data show that growth in the second quarter may well continue to be low. Consequently, given that the first quarter



WHILE GROWTH MAY BE LOW FOR THE SECOND QUARTER, ECONOMIC RECOVERY MAY START FROM THE THIRD QUARTER AND WE MAY BE BACK ON THE SEVEN PER CENT PLUS GROWTH TRACK BY THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR. IN FACT, IF WE CONTINUE WITH THE SAME TRAJECTORY, THEN VERY SOON WE MAY JUST MANAGE TO PUSH OUR POTENTIAL GROWTH TO 8.5 AND SUSTAIN AN EIGHT PLUS GROWTH RATE FOR A PROLONGED PERIOD



figures were more towards the lower bounds of the forecast, based on recent data, our forecast stands at 4.9-5.3 per cent of growth for the second quarter.

The silver lining is that the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) has shown a very healthy growth and while it covers only a very narrow scope of economic activity, it is a definite signal of revival. Consequently, it is very likely that the forecast is reversed upwards and growth may well be towards the upper limit of the forecast in contrast with the first quarter. What this essentially means is that there are early signs of economic recovery, which are indeed encouraging, given that we had bottomed out at five per cent.

For the third quarter, growth may well be between 5.8 to 6.2, but this is just a preliminary forecast as we wait to see the impact of the current announcements that have been made by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

Some of these announcements have already been implemented and will have a definite positive impact on the economy. One of them relates to GST refunds for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) which have been a concern since their introduction. The Government has recognised that there is a need to have a system for time-bound refunds and it has ordered that all existing ones be cleared within 30 days. Going forward, all refunds should be cleared within 60

days. This will have an immediate impact on addressing the working capital constraints in the MSME space which, in turn, will ensure that the system is infused with fresh liquidity. It is likely that this will have an impact as far as growth in this and the next quarter is concerned.

Similarly, the Government has tried to address concerns of the automobile industry by removing the ban on replacing current vehicles, which will try to absorb some of the accumulated inventories over the last couple of months. What is important is to also consider that the Government has committed to the expenditure as stated in the Union Budget and to the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act. This suggests that expenditure will continue as per plan and any revenue shortfall may be met through increased disinvestments. Both are again a positive sign for the economy — although one needs to further evaluate whether there's any difference between a 3.3-3.5 per cent of deficit, especially during a time when growth has been slow.

Similarly, consolidation of banks, combined with several governance reforms and aggressive moves on the relaxation of external commercial borrowings for NBFCs and now even for affordable housing projects, are both progressive decisions that reflect India's demand for foreign capital.

For the first time, there's a pragmatic realisation that India is a capital-deficit country and the only way to

meet our need for investment would be to seek foreign capital. Luckily, low and negative yields elsewhere make India a no-brainer as far as movement of capital is concerned. Harsh Gupta — a hedge fund manager and a financial columnist — has worked extensively on this area as he's documented the need to be progressive in our outlook towards foreign finance.

It is important to have a progressive and pragmatic outlook towards addressing the current crisis. We need to simultaneously focus on reevaluating some of our previous policy choices and think hard on whether they've helped us meet our growth aspirations. The Finance Minister is doing the same with a strong commitment towards reviving economic growth and towards deep structural reforms. The three press conferences have given us a signal that Sitharaman means business and this fact itself makes us extremely optimistic about India's economic prospects over the near term.

While growth may be low for the second quarter, economic recovery may start from the third quarter and we may be back on the seven per cent plus growth track by the next financial year. In fact, if we continue with the same trajectory, then very soon we may just manage to push our potential growth to 8.5 and sustain an eight plus growth rate for a prolonged period.

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Right to live happy in the sunset years

With a gradual slowdown in India's population growth, it's imperative to cultivate 'social prescribing' for the elderly to better address their medical and emotional needs. Promoting healthy ageing can help reduce burden on healthcare services



KEWAL KAPOOR

For all the political discourse about a "population explosion," the truth is that India is witnessing a slowdown in its population growth and is expected to start reversing its numbers over the next two to three decades. With the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) down to 2.3 per woman, we are inching closer to achieving replacement levels of population growth. A slowing population automatically implies a higher number of the elderly as against the young. According to the Economic Survey 2019, the country as a whole will continue to enjoy the "demographic dividend" for a few more decades but some States will start transitioning to an ageing society as early as the 2030s. With declining fertility, reduction

in mortality and increasing survival at older ages, the shift in age structure from young to the old is expected to give rise to a major public healthcare burden. Unfortunately, we do not seem prepared to meet the requirements of this shift with little emphasis on improving our elderly care structure, health structure or building a social support system to address this. The need is not limited to improving healthcare infrastructure and availability of caregivers for the aged but also to create innovative social solutions to enable the elderly population live better, happier and more productive lives. "Social prescribing" is a strategy that ageing countries are now incorporating in their policy to address the physical and mental health needs of senior citizens and finding a way to address the problem of loneliness.

In 2018, the British Government initiated a new strategy to address the growing problem of loneliness among the country's elderly. As part of this strategy that is expected to be fully in



place by 2023, physicians will be allowed and encouraged to refer people to partake in social activities and social groups to combat loneliness. The strategy is aimed at reducing the burden on the British health service and improving patients' quality of life. This approach will be supplemented by investing in community projects such as creating cafes, art spaces or gardens that can become the focal point of the

social prescriptions for the elderly.

This approach originates from the realisation that additional and the medical needs of the elderly mean we give them a good quality of life, happiness and greater social involvement. Currently, society treats the elderly with a peculiar redundancy. However, changing this approach could help convert a large experienced and wise population into valuable social capital, rather than just a healthcare burden.

Promoting healthy ageing can help delay the onset of disease and allow us to have a more productive population in its sunset years. Healthy ageing is essentially a process through which the elderly are enabled to optimise their physical and mental health and are able to take an active part in society. Community referrals are a mechanism to create and utilise social support structures for the elderly. For example, an elderly couple living alone in a city away from their children can enjoy a much better quality of life if they are a regular part

of a community exercise that allows them to pursue their passions and hobbies. This community referral system must also become an intrinsic part of the healthcare structure so doctors are able to refer their elderly patients to the communities held suitable for them.

There is scientific evidence to believe that staying socially active and relevant not only helps fight depression but also improves cognitive function and helps slow down decline in health. Joining communities and interest groups helps the elderly indulge in fruitful discussions, volunteer for social work and gives them hope and passion to live. Community groups can also be effectively leveraged to educate people to adopt healthy lifestyles that can enable them stay healthier longer.

This strategy cannot be achieved singularly by the Government. Rather, it needs active participation of innovative start-ups, social groups and volunteers to create a medical-social network requisite for social prescribing. Efforts are needed on multiple fronts to make this happen by creating community groups and social support networks to work in cohesion with doc-

tors and hospitals. Next come integrated awareness and training programmes, to prepare a workforce that can act as a vital link between doctors and community groups and can play the role of counselors for the elderly. Guidelines would have to be framed to help doctors recommend and refer patients to social networks apart from laying grounds for coordinated and community-referral system at the levels of villages, towns and cities. Last but not the least, we would need to engage the local population, students and volunteers to spread the activities of community groups. According to a 2017 report by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), around 12.5 per cent of India's population will be 60 years and older by 2030; by 2050 this will increase to one-fifth of the population. Integrating social prescription with the healthcare structure will not only result in a healthier ageing population but also have the potential to reduce the financial burden on healthcare services.

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CAMERON COST THE NATION DEAR

By the standards of everyday life, ex-British Prime Minister David Cameron seems an unremarkably decent man; by the standards of some of his colleagues, a kind and thoughtful one. But politicians should not be judged by the standards of everyday life. They should be held to higher ones, because it is in their power to make much more damaging mistakes than most people can.

(The Guardian editorial)

Rate cut alone can't arrest slump, boost rural demand: SBI report

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Loose-monetary policy alone cannot arrest the deepening slump, instead government must take demand-boosting measures, especially in rural areas, by front-loading expenditure primarily through the national rural employment scheme, says a report.

Economists at State Bank Research Monday also warned that any attempt to trim government spending to maintain the fiscal numbers will be severely detrimental to growth.

"The current slowdown cannot be tackled by monetary policy in isolation. The government must address demand weakness by continuing to meaningfully front-load expenditure say through Mgnrega and PM-Kisan, the report said.

The PM-Kisan portal shows the number of beneficiaries under the scheme is only 6.89 crore against the target of 14.6 crore due to slow validation in farmer data. This has to be speeded up to boost rural demand, the report said.

Data from the Mgnrega website show that against total release from the Centre of ₹45,903 crore (till September 13), total spend is around 73 per cent only or ₹33,420 crore.

The budget has estimated capital expenditure of ₹3,38,085 crore but till July, it has spent only 31.8 per cent of the allotted amount as against 37.1 per cent a year ago. Private investment share has declined significantly from 50 per cent in value terms during 2007-14 to 30 per cent during 2015-19.

"In such a case, the Government should clearly state upfront that the additional fiscal spending is specifically for infra spending to boost demand and not for any unproductive purposes," the report said.

The headline fiscal deficit should stay at 3.3 per cent, while the additional fiscal impulse for infra spending could over and above this.

It said the RBI could also frontload large rate cuts in the October policy and also start doing open market operations that will keep the Government bond yields in check.

"The Government should go ahead with the overseas sale of sovereign bonds. It could partly hedge the borrowings and thereby decide to not bring back the dollar proceeds into the country," it said adding this will take care of the problem of RBI sterilisation and could also solve the problem of hedging.

The report also called for allowing FPIs to acquire stressed assets through the bankruptcy process instead of going through asset reconstruction companies.

Govt to cut insurance premium rates for small exporters: Goyal

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The commerce ministry will soon approach the Cabinet for reduction in insurance premium rates to 0.6 per cent for small exporters having an outstanding limit of less than Rs 80 crore, Union Minister Piyush Goyal said on Monday. The commerce and industry minister said the premium rate is 0.72 per cent.

Further, premium rates for exporters having outstanding limit of over ₹80 crore will be streamlined with a view to help them.

Such exporters will be divided into categories such as non-gold, jewellery and diamond, among others. This is being done as insurance claim ratio for gold, jewellery and diamond players are high and that impacts banks' lending ability.

"For accounts with limits below ₹80 crore, the premium rates will be moderated to 0.60 per annum and for those exceeding ₹80 crore, it will be 0.72 per annum for the same enhanced cover," Goyal told reporters here.

He said that ECGC (Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India) has launched a new scheme NIRVIK (Niryat Vin Vikas Yojna).

This will provide more comfort to banks to lend to exporters.

The minister said the scope of cover has been enlarged to include not only the principal outstanding but also for the unpaid interest for a maximum of two quarters or the

NPA date, whichever is earlier.

The cover percentage has been enhanced to 90 per cent from the present average of 60 per cent for both principal and interest.

Goyal also said that the Export Credit Insurance Scheme (ECIS) envisages simplified procedure for settlement of claim and also for provisional payment up to 50 per cent within 30 days on production of proof of end-use of the advances in default by the insured bank.

The ECIS support will be in force for a period of five-years and on conclusion, the standard ECGC covers will be available for banks with its regular features.

Goyal said that under the scheme, inspection of bank documents and records by ECGC officials will be mandatory for losses exceeding ₹10 crore as against the present ₹1 crore.

"The proposed cover will bring down the cost of credit due to capital relief, less provision requirement and liquidity due to quick settlement of claims and will ensure timely and adequate working capital to the export sector," he added.

Further, the minister said that after getting an insurance coverage of 90 per cent, small exporters will get loans at competitive rate at about 7.6 per cent.

"If borrowers' track record will be good, they will get easy loans at affordable rates. And on this, there would not be any interest subvention," he said.

5% Q1 growth surprise; economy will look up with measures taken: Das

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on Monday termed the low GDP growth of 5 per cent as a "surprise" but expressed confidence that the economy will look up with a host of measures taken by the government.

He further said that the RBI has been cutting rates to give a boost to the economy as slowdown was visible for past few months.

The RBI slashed benchmark interest rate four times consecutively since January 2019. The central bank reduced the repo (short term lending) rate by 1.10 percentage points during the year.

"I think with right measures taken, things should improve. It's a positive trend that the Government is responding very 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 told news channels.

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 MSMEs and the automobile sector.

With regard to structural reforms, he said the RBI has already pointed out in its annual report.

"I think one major thing would be agriculture marketing. Definitely, I would expect some action from the government with regard to reforms in agricultural marketing," he said.

Expressing concern over the first quarter GDP numbers, the RBI Governor said the numbers definitely looked much worse because the RBI had projected 5.8 per cent.

"I think almost everybody had projected not below 5.5 per cent or so, but the number 5 per cent is a surprise," he said.

He also said the second quarter growth of all advanced economies was lower than the first quarter so there is a deceleration.

"But again I am not trying to justify our slowdown through the prism of the global slowdown although global slowdown does impact growth and results in slowdown we have domestic issues also," he said.

Asked when will the economy see revival, Das said it is difficult to make an estimate as there are many things which are still playing out.

Business Corner



NMDC received "Rajbhasha Kirti Awards" Second Prize amongst Undertakings in "C" region. The award was given by Honorable Minister of Home Affairs Amit Shah on the occasion of "Hindi Day" in presence of Ministers of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai and G. Kishan Reddy and other distinguished guests. Sumit Deb, Director (Per) received the award on behalf of NMDC



M Ravi Kanth, CMD HUDCO inaugurated, the Hindi Pakhwada being observed by HUDCO from 13th - 27th September, 2019. He emphasised the need to use Hindi in official work with full dedication and commitment. Several competitions including recitation, public speaking, kavisammelan and essay writing, will be organised during the fortnight to promote Hindi language



As per the direction received from Railway Board, Swachhata Pakhwara is being organised at various locations in CLW premises from 16th to 30th Sept., 2019. Praveen Kumar Mishra, General Manager read out the 'Swachhata Pledge' to the Sr. Officers, Supervisors, Staff and Safai Karmacharis in the Administrative Office premises on 16-9-2019. The 'Swachhata Pledge' were also organised on Monday in Steel Foundry, Works office, ELAAU/ Dankuni and Kolkata office premises by reading the Swachhata pledge by Sr. Officers, Supervisors, Staff and Safai Karmacharis



In a major women empowerment initiative, Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE) in association with the International Labour Organisation (ILO) launched 'Network of Champions'. Atul Sobti, Director General SCOPE along with Dagmar Walter, Director-India, ILO awarded Certificates to twelve Champions from various sectors of Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) thereby entrusting them with the responsibility of being 'change agents' to encourage gender diversity and address gender issues in their respective organisations

China's economy strains under disappointing data

AFP ■ BEIJING

China's economy showed more signs of strain Monday as the country published weak data for industrial output, investment and retail sales, amid a lingering trade war with the United States.

Industrial output grew by 4.4 per cent year-on-year throughout August, falling to its lowest level in 17 years and down from 4.8 per cent in July. The figure was well below analyst expectations, with a Bloomberg survey of analysts predicting heartier growth of 5.2 per cent.

"We must be aware that international instabilities and uncertainties are increasing significantly, and that at home economic structural issues are still prominent and the down-

ward pressures on (the) economy are mounting," said Fu Linghui, a spokesman for the National Bureau of Statistics, which released the data.

Retail sales also slipped to post growth of 7.5 per cent — 0.1 per cent down on the previous month and a knock to Beijing's aims to boost domestic consumption.

Investment in fixed assets saw year-on-year growth of 5.5 per cent in the first eight months of the year, 0.2 per cent less than the first seven months, including a slight dip in crucial real estate investment.

All three sets of data fell short of analyst expectations, with Bloomberg predicting 7.9 per cent growth in retail sales and 5.7 per cent growth in investments.

₹ tumbles 68 paise against US dollar on crude oil woes

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Logging its first fall in eight sessions, the Indian rupee on Monday 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.

Surging 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.

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.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened lower at 71.54, then fell to a low of 71.63 during the day. The rupee finally closed at 71.60, down 68 paise over its previous close.

The Indian currency had settled at 70.92 against the US dollar on Friday.

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.

However, Brent Futures saw some moderation and was trading at \$66.63 per barrel, still up 10.59 per cent over the previous close.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.13 per cent to 98.38.

"The INR and other emerging currencies that rely on huge Crude imports have been spooked by this turn of events as the ripple effects on currency are two-fold: 1) an increase in imported inflation



crude prices," HDFC Securities Head PCG and Capital Markets Strategy V K Sharma said.

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

The 30-share BSE Sensex ended 261.68 points, or 0.70 per cent, lower at 37,123.31. The broader NSE Nifty too settled 79.80 points, or 0.72 per cent, down at 10,996.10.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs), who were net buyers for the past few sessions, offloaded shares worth ₹751.26 crore on Monday, according to provisional exchange data.

The 10-year Government bond yield was at 6.72 per cent on Monday.

The Financial Benchmark India Private Ltd (FBIL) set the reference rate for the rupee/dollar at 70.9387 and for rupee/euro at 78.5646. The reference rate for rupee/British pound was fixed at 87.6547 and for rupee/100 Japanese yen at 65.64.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that a male namely **Chavani Lal, S/o: Bhangheru, R/o: footpath, Harijan Basti, Masoodpur Village, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi, died during treatment on 04.09.2019 at 11:33 AM in Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi.** In this regard proceeding DD No. 12A dated 04.09.2019 has been lodged at Police Station Vasant Kunj North, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Name: Chavani Lal, Age: 57 Years, Height: 5'7" Face: Long, Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Blue Colour Lower and White Shirt.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO

Police Station Vasant Kunj North, Delhi.

Ph: 011-26892530, 7065036224

DP/7072/SW/19

Govt proposes to significantly reduce fees for IPRs for MSMEs, startups

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government has proposed to reduce fees for various intellectual property rights like patents and designs for micro, small and medium enterprises and startups to promote innovation, Commerce and Industry Ministry said on Monday. An individual, group or industry has to pay fees at different levels of intellectual property rights (IPR) application fillings.

As per the proposal, fees for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and startups for filing of patent appli-

cations will be reduced to ₹1,600 or ₹1,750 from ₹4,000 or ₹4,400.

For expedited examination, it will be reduced to ₹8,000 from ₹25,000 currently. Similarly, for renewal of patents, the fees will be reduced. For design applications filing, fees for MSMEs and startups will be reduced to ₹1,000 from ₹2,000, the ministry said.

For Geographical Indications (GI), fees was proposed to cut to nil for filing of application, issuance of certificate and renewal of GI from the current ₹500, ₹100 and ₹1,000, respectively.

IL&FS puts 494 acre land parcels on block

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Debt-ridden IL&FS Group has put on block nearly 494 acres of land parcels across three states including Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, held by its subsidiary Hill County Properties (HCPL).

IL&FS, through its group firms IL&FS Township and Urban Assets and IL&FS Engineering and Construction Company holds a total of 80 per cent equity stake in HCPL.

While IL&FS holds nine per cent, the other two firms hold 40 per cent and 31 per cent stake, respectively in HCPL.

The company has appointed Jones Lang LaSalle Property Consultants to assist the potential transaction.

Hill County Properties houses various land parcels and development rights for properties aggregating to 494 acres spread across six sites including three in Hyderabad (437 acres) and one each in Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam and Meerut.

The company has invited expressions of interest from interested parties for a potential equity stake divestment.

The Group's fund-based outstanding debt was ₹94,216 crore as of October 8, 2018.

Jet Airways lenders make presentation to Synergy Group

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The lenders to the bankrupt Jet Airways Monday made a presentation to the South American conglomerate Synergy Group, which has reportedly emerged as sole potential buyer of the airline, according to a source.

After the August 10 deadline, Synergy Group Corp, which owns majority stake in Colombian carrier Avianca Holdings, had reportedly evinced interest in the airline, which had already received expressions of interest (EOIs) (which were subsequently withdrawn) from energy baron Anil Agarwal's family trust-backed Vulcan Investments, Russian Fund Treasury RA Partners and the Panama-based Avantulo Group.

No Deal: Auto workers strike against GM in contract dispute

AP ■ DETROIT

More than 49,000 members of the United Auto Workers walked off General Motors factory floors or set up picket lines early Monday as contract talks with the company deteriorated into a strike.

Workers shut down 33 manufacturing plants in nine states across the U.S., as well as 22 parts distribution warehouses. It wasn't clear how long the walkout would last, with the union saying GM has budgeted little in months of talks while GM said it made substantial offers including higher wages and factory investments.

It's the first national strike by the union since a two-day walkout in 2007 that had little impact on the company.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender Enquiry No.	MCP-152/2019-20(PQM)
Short Description	Procurement of 70000 Nos 'IS' marked, DLMS compliant LT AC 3-Phase, 4-wire, Whole Current Static Intelligent Energy Meters (Category -C2) with Optical Port & RS-232 port of rating 10 -60 Amps, 50 Hz, 415 volts (3x240 volts) of accuracy class -1
Last date and time for downloading of tender documents	04-11-2019 up to 11:00 Hrs.
Last date and time for Bid submission	05-11-2019 up to 11:00 Hrs.
Date and time of opening of tender	05-11-2019 up to 11:30 Hrs.

Tender specification can only be downloaded from PSPCL e-tendering website https://pspcl.abcproure.com
Note: Corrigendum, if any after the publication of this tender enquiry shall only be uploaded on website https://pspcl.abcproure.com and will not be published in newspapers.
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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that **Ms. Bobby Biswas @ Isha Singh W/o Sh. Dev Mann R/o H. No. 97, Street No. 5, Krishna Nagar, S J Enclave, New Delhi & H. No. 352, IITC Munirka Village, New Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 41/18 u/s 376 IPC & 4 & 6 Pocco Act, P.S. S J Enclave, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Ms. Bobby Biswas @ Isha Singh** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Ms. Bobby Biswas @ Isha Singh** has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Ms. Bobby Biswas @ Isha Singh** of **FIR No. 41/18 u/s 376 IPC & 4 & 6 Pocco Act, P.S. S J Enclave, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **18.10.2019**.

By Order,

Dr. Saurabh Kulshreshtha
Additional Sessions Judge-01 (South), Court No. 302,
DP/7074/SW/19 - (Court Matter) Saket Courts, New Delhi

WANTED/SUSPECTED



General public is hereby informed that these suspected persons **Age** : About 25-30 years, **Complexion**: Wheatish, **Face**: Oval, wearing one person white colour shirt and 2nd person checkdar shirt and wearing helmet. Both are sitting on two wheeler. They are suspected to have stolen two cars batteries and one mobile phone nearby H.No. 689, Gali No. 20, Joshi

SUSPECTED
Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi on 21.08.2019. They are suspected/wanted in case e-FIR No. CD-DBG-000478/19 dated 21.08.2019 u/s 379 IPC, P.S. Desh Bandhu Gupta Road, Delhi has been registered.

Any person having any information or clue about these suspected persons kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO : P.S. Desh Bandhu Gupta Road, Delhi
DP/6567/CD/19 Ph.: 011-23537374, 23613252

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one boy namely **Shivam Chola S/o Kamal Chola R/o RZA-7, Nihal Vihar, Delhi**, has been missing from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi since 20.07.2019. In this regard, a case **DD No. 36A dated 21.07.2019** has been registered at **P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi**. The description of the missing boy is as under.



Age: 23 Years, **Complexion**: Shallow, **Height**: 5'4", **Face**: Round, **Wearing**: Black & white dotted shirt blue Jeans and red shoes in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing boy then please inform P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi at following Tel No. / e-mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in and Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641
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TinyButEffective

Researchers have found that tiny bubbles in our body might potentially be used to treat cancer and could fight the disease better than chemotherapy. These bubbly extracellular vesicles could become mini treatment transporters, carrying a combination of therapeutic drugs and genes that target cancer cells and kill them



DOCYARD DR ROHIT BATRA

Dermatologist

SIR GANGARAM HOSPITAL, NEWDELHI



Cheers to healthy skin

While everyone enjoys the rain, it is a great time to plan an outing or a trip and flaunt your skin in beautiful dresses. But at the same time, one needs to pay special attention to the skin as heat, the warmth of the sun, hot winds cause severe skin damage. The season can be quite tricky as it causes digestive and skin problems and infections.

During the monsoon, there is an increase in the temperature and humidity level in our country. The infections occur more in the skin and scalp areas, especially in the skin fold areas like armpit, groin and others. Moisture remains trapped in these areas and cause fungal infections.

Fungal infections are of two types like dermatophyte and yeast infections. Dermatophytes cause superficial infections of the skin, hair and nails. A yeast infection occurs when there is an overgrowth of yeast (a type of fungus) anywhere in the body. The primary symptoms of fungal infection are red itchy skin.

People are more prone to infections during monsoon due to excessive sweating, dehydration, photo-toxic effects of the sun and, of course, humidity.

Common skin infections are caused in areas where the skin folds like armpits, groin, between the fingers, toes, nails, elbow fold and so on. You might experience rashes and fungal infection and bacterial growth in such areas as they don't get sufficient air to dry off. Nail infections are also quite common during monsoon as bacteria find a home inside the nails and causes infection. So trim/cut your nails regularly.

Hygiene is an important factor for skin care in monsoon.

Take precautions that go a long way in keeping the skin healthy & infection-free. Keep yourself hydrated. Look out for anything odd on your body and immediately consult a dermatologist

Take precautions that go a long way in having healthy and infection-free skin. Drink enough water as it will keep your skin hydrated. Also look out for anything odd on your body and immediately see a dermatologist. There are multiple treatment options which an expert can provide you in order to treat the fungal infection.

While the air is cooler, the humidity increases, and this provides the perfect breeding ground for many kinds of skin bacteria. Acne can bother you on your face or even on your body. Follow these simple tips daily for flawless, glowing skin.

Keep your hands off: As tempted as you may feel to break that ugly pimple on your face, try not to. Breaking a pimple or trying to squeeze out blackheads will leave you with scars and even more pimples. Keep your skin clean and let that zit dry out naturally.

Minimise your facials: A facial may be a great way to relax however if you have an acne-prone skin, you need to avoid frequent massages. Moreover, many beauticians don't know the right way to remove blackheads and this can damage your delicate pores. Don't do a facial more than once a month.

Wash your bed linen well: Research shows that pillow covers, and bed sheets are often the least washed items in our laundry. Germs can stick to your pillows, incubate, and cause acne break-outs. Make sure you wash your linen at least once a week and dry it in sunlight.

SUMMERCOOLERS

GUAVA: A guava is a common tropical fruit cultivated in many tropical and subtropical regions. The fruit is oval in shape with light green or yellow skin and contain edible seeds. The high level of antioxidants, potassium and soluble fiber in guavas are said to help in improved heart health. The fibre content in guava also helps in healthy bowel movement thereby improving the digestive system.

Guava can also help in weight loss as it is low in calories and high in fibre content that may help you feeling full.

Guavas are an excellent source of Vitamin C which may help boost immunity.

The wide range of vitamins and antioxidants packed into a guava may work wonders for your skin. Its antioxidants may protect your skin from damage, which can slow down its ageing process, helping prevent wrinkles.

The fruit also contains high water levels that help you feel energetic throughout the day.



ALL ABOUT SICKLE CELL DISEASE

According to the Indian Council of Medical Research survey, about 20% children with Sickle Cell Disease died before attaining the age of two. DR SHEETAL SHARDA tells you what one can do to prevent the complications of this disorder

Sickle cell anaemia (SCA) or sickle cell disease (SCD) is an inherited blood disorder in which the red blood cells take an abnormal sickle shape instead of the normal spherical form. The hemoglobin in our body consists of four proteins sub-units, typically, two subunits called alpha globin and two subunits called beta-globin encoded by the HBA and the HBB gene respectively. A mutation or change in the HBB gene leads to blood disorders like beta-thalassemia and sickle cell. A specific mutation in the HBB gene encodes for an abnormal hemoglobin which causes the RBCs to take an abnormal shape.

In a normal person, the red blood cells (RBCs) have a lifespan of about 90-120 days. However, in a SCA patient, the RBCs do not last long and break down, due to the abnormal sickle shape. This lack of RBCs in the blood leads to anaemia, which may manifest as swelling of the hands and feet and fatigue. In a SCA patient, the sickle shaped RBCs may block the small blood vessels, which over time leads to complications like delayed growth, frequent pain crisis and can cause multiple organ damage. Patients may require blood transfusions to overcome the acute crisis and to keep the hemoglobin in normal range.

Sickle cell anemia is very common among people of African, Arabian and Indian origin. The first evidence of SCA in India was seen in the tribal population in the

Nilgiri Hills in South India. Based on certain surveys, prevalence of sickle gene is found to be 0-18 per cent in north eastern India, 0-33.5 per cent in western India, 22.5-44.4 per cent in central India and 1-40 per cent in southern India. Wide variability in the prevalence of Hb-S trait is observed in population groups within small geographical areas

Sickle cell disease is inherited in an autosomal recessive pattern, which means that both copies of the HBB gene have to be mutated in order for the disease to manifest. Carriers or persons with a single mutated copy may be asymptomatic and are called sickle cell traits. If both parents carry a copy of the mutated gene, then their child will have a 25 per cent chance of being affected with SCD.

To prevent the complications of sickle cell anaemia, early diagnosis of the disease is very necessary. Patients who test positive for abnormal haemoglobin by biochemical testing, need to undergo genetic testing to confirm their diagnosis. Screening for SCA can also be done in newborn period with a simple blood test that detects the presence of the abnormal haemoglobin. Being picked up during an asymptomatic period, such children can have timely and early intervention in case of a crisis and thus prevent secondary complications

Carrier screening is a good way to assess if an individual is a carrier of the disease. Usually it is undertaken on individuals who

IN A NORMAL PERSON, THE RED BLOOD CELLS (RBCs) HAVE A LIFESPAN OF ABOUT 90-120 DAYS. HOWEVER, IN A SCA PATIENT, THE RBCs DO NOT LAST LONG AND BREAK DOWN, DUE TO THE ABNORMAL SICKLE SHAPE. THIS LACK OF RBCs IN THE BLOOD LEADS TO ANAEMIA, WHICH MAY MANIFEST AS SWELLING OF THE HANDS AND FEET & CAUSE FATIGUE



have a family history of SCD or thalassemia and in certain ethnic groups with an increased risk of SCA. But in some cases there may be no family history and carrier status is confirmed only after the birth of an affected child, which is then too late to prevent the disease and its complications. Hence, carrier screening for SCA and thalassemia should be offered to every couple who are planning pregnancy, in order to prevent the birth of an affected child or even to take decision of giving birth to an affected child but being prepared for the future management required. Screening of such couples at the right time (pre-conceptional carrier screening) can help them take informed decision regarding their future children. Some couples also opt for pre-marital genetic counselling and genetic testing when they are aware of such genetic conditions in their family.

Let's make it a point to create awareness on the need for effective and early diagnosis of SCD, so that appropriate management can be offered to patients and families suffering from SCD.

Prevention of genetic diseases causing high morbidity and mortality is possible based on genetic testing and availability of prenatal diagnosis. This can help decrease the incidence of genetic disorders in India and help us to reduce the psychological and financial burden on the families.

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DadiKaKehna

Most people rely on medicines to treat headaches. ROSHANI DEVI shares home remedies that can be just as beneficial to get rid of that pounding in the head



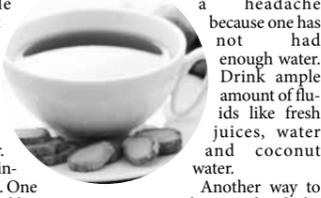
A bad day at work, Monday blues, lack of proper sleep and or getting stuck in traffic jams for hours on end are some of the reasons why one may end up with a pounding in the head. While people reach out for medicine, there are several home remedies that can do the trick.

Ginger is a great stress buster. Prepare tea with ginger and drink that. One can even mix two tablespoons of ginger juice and two table spoons of lemon juice and drink this. You can consume this once or twice a day. Make a paste with two tablespoons of water and ginger powder and apply it on the forehead. Leave it on for a few minutes to provide quicker relief.

Have some tea, coffee, or something with a bit of caffeine. But don't over do it. It could ease your headache pain.

Drink water. Sometimes, one gets a headache because one has not had enough water. Drink ample amount of fluids like fresh juices, water and coconut water.

Another way to treat and prevent headache is to sleep for seven-eight hours every night. Lack of sleep can disrupt healthy lifestyle and lead to various diseases. Not getting proper sleep can lead to stress which may become the reason for a throbbing headache.



TIPTOP

On September 6, 2019 Dr Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Health and Prahad Singh Patel, Minister of State (I/C), Ministry of Culture jointly inaugurated the exhibition Superbugs: The End of Antibiotics? at National Science Centre, Delhi. The exhibition has been organised by National Council of Science Museums (NCSCM) in collaboration with Science Museum, London, Wellcome(UK) and supported by ICMR.

The exhibition explores how society is responding to the enormous challenge of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and antibacterial resistance (ABR) in particular featuring scientific research from across the globe and personal stories of those waging war on Superbugs.

SLIMLINE

More than 138 million patients are harmed every year by doctors' errors, the WHO warned, just a few days before celebrating the first World Patient Safety Day, with which it seeks to raise awareness of this ongoing tragedy. Errors in diagnosis, errors in medicine prescriptions and treatments, and the inappropriate use of drugs are the three main reasons why so many patients harmed, WHO patient-safety coordinator Dr Neelam

Bacteria, tiny organisms capable of causing disease are becoming resistant to our most powerful weapon against them, antibiotics and turning into superbugs.

Today antibiotic-resistant superbugs kill up to 7,00,000 people a year. By 2050 that could rise to 10 million.

The exhibition has three major sections: Microscopic, Human and Global. Microscopic Section explores the hidden world of bacteria. Be it their size or characteristics, evolution of superbugs or history of antibiotics; the exhibits of this section will take you on a journey in which you can zoom into the world of microbes, explore the touchscreen multimedia to understand how bacteria evolve into superbugs or flip a digital e-book to know the history of antibiotics.

Dhingra-Kumar said at a Press conference. "These mistakes occur because healthcare systems are not suitably designed to deal with these errors and learn from them," Dr Kumar said. Examples of errors are the application of medications in ways they were not designed for, errors in blood transfusions, taking X-rays and in dramatic cases, indicating that the wrong limb needs to be amputated or that the wrong side of the brain requires surgery.

— IANS

UNDER THE LASER

Going for a laser treatment comes with a lot of questions. DR AJAY RANA bursts myths related to it & dos and don'ts that follow



As we move into the new millennium, it is becoming increasingly clear that the usage of laser and modern technologies are entering the most exciting phase of their development. Laser treatment is commonly used for removing facial wrinkles and skin irregularities. The pulsating beams of light are concentrated on the irregular skin which removes the unwanted skin layer by layer. In short, it helps in improving the skin texture and the appearance as a whole. Laser treatment should always be performed by trained and certified practitioners under the supervision of the dermatologist maintaining strict hygiene standards.

Laser treatments are different from laser surgery. Laser treatment for beautification does not involve any kind of surgery. Laser surgery is generally related to stone removal and for eye diagnoses.

Below some popular myths related to laser treatment and the truths behind it:

Myth 1: Laser treatments expose your skin to infections

Fact: Laser treatments don't cause infections as the skin is not cut open to expose the internal layers or veins. There is very little risk of infection as the treatment's nature is very different.

Myth 2: Lasers expose you to radiation

Fact: Laser treatments are safe as only light is used in the process and no harmful ionising radiation. In fact, normal sunlight contains more radiation than most normal lasers used for medical practices.

Myth 3: Lasers can cause burns

Fact: All modern lasers use the theory of selective photo-thrombolysis formulated at the famous Harvard medical school. This actually means that laser light specifically searches and destroys only the intended target and acts like magic bullets.

Myth 4: Lasers cause thinning of the skin

Fact: In contrary, skin thickens after Lasertreatments. Skin is a living tissue and due to laser treatment controlled gentle heating in the dermis induces new collagen and elastin formation, replacing the older damaged tissue. That is why laser treatments have a rejuvenating effect on the skin, reducing wrinkles to become plumper. Of course, your laser therapist should have in-depth knowledge of laser physics to achieve the desired results.

Myth 5: Lasers are unnecessary

Fact: There are many physical problems and diseases for which lasers are indispensable. There are no medications or creams which can permanently remove scars, birthmarks, tattoos, remove unwanted hair, varicose veins, port-wine stains and others. Laser technology is similarly indispensable for many other internal medical conditions too.

Myth 6: Lasers cause cancers

Fact: Lasers are used to remove all kinds of skin and other cancers. Laser light does not contain wavelengths which can trigger cancers.

Myth 7: Laser hair treatment is harmful to health

Fact: The depth of laser penetration is 1-4 mm; it reaches only the hair follicles, and then is completely dissipated and does not penetrate deeper! Laser destroys only the hair bulb.

Myth 8: Laser hair reduction hurts

Fact: A little pin-prick, that's all the pain involved in this treatment. But this depends on individual pain barrier. For particularly sensitive parts of the body like bikini and underarms, an anaesthetic cream can be used. It can be applied everywhere. If your pain threshold is less.

The writer is Founder & Director of ILAMED

STUDYCENTRE

Researchers have found that a drug, donepezil commonly used to manage symptoms of Alzheimer disease and other forms of dementia, is associated with a two-fold higher risk of hospitalisation.

According to the study published in the journal Canadian Medical Association Journal, using donepezil increases the risk of hospital admission for rhabdomyolysis, a painful condition of muscle breakdown, compared with several other cholinesterase inhibitors.

Dementia is a growing problem, with almost 10 million newly diagnosed cases every year around the world. "The findings of this population-based cohort study support regulatory agency warnings about the risk of donepezil-induced rhabdomyolysis," said study researcher Jamie Fleet from McMaster University in Canada.

The study, led by researchers at Western University, looked at ICES data from 2002 to 2017 on 2,20,353 patients aged 66 years or older in Ontario, Canada, with a new prescription for donepezil, rivastigmine or galantamine, three cholinesterase inhibitors used to manage dementia and Alzheimer disease.

The researchers found that donepezil was associated with a two-fold higher risk of hospitalisation for rhabdomyolysis, a serious condition that can result in kidney disease. According to the findings, the relative risk was small but statistically significant.

— IANS

Trend Slazer

Ranveer reveals his fitness secrets

Actor **RANVEER SINGH** has been wooing the audience not only with his feisty screen presence and acting skills, but also with his look — particularly his toned, fit physique. For his forthcoming release *83*, the 34-year-old has undergone a massive workout and physical training to get into the character of former cricketer Kapil Dev.

But apart from intense workout, nutritional diet is one of his major "secrets" behind his chiseled physique. Ranveer's meticulous diet has been taken care of by Anmol Singhal and Mohit Savargaonkar, co-founders of Personal Optimised Diet (POD Supply) over the past five years.



'I tried to explore more with Dream Girl and tried my hand at doing a mass

entertainer. I am happy that the audience across the country have accepted me as an entertaining hero. As an artiste, I have always tried to back projects that I felt had the potential to break out in their own genres and this response is a strong validation of that.'

—Ayushmann Khurrana

Actor **MAHESH SHETTY**, a known name in the telly world, will be playing **AJAY DEVGN's** younger brother in the forthcoming film *Bhuj: The Pride of India*.



Mahesh calls it a very special film. "I am grateful to be a part of such an incredible story. This film celebrates the bravery and dedication of the women of India. It was a pleasure working with Ajay Sir and the entire team of *Bhuj: The Pride of India*," he added.

According to sources, Mahesh will be playing the role of an Air Force pilot. The Abhishek Duhaiya directorial is slated to release next year.

Downey Jr will be back as Iron Man

Actor **ROBERT DOWNEY JR** will be back as a superhero Iron Man in the Marvel Cinematic Universe with *Black Widow* which will release in 2020.

Downey Jr, who won hearts all across the world as enigmatic superhero Iron Man, bid adieu to his superhero avatar with *Avengers: Endgame* this year. In fact, Scarlett

Johansson's *Black Widow* aka *Natasha Romanoff* also died in the film.

The characters will be back as *Black Widow* is a prequel taking place ahead of the events of *Endgame*. It is yet to be seen how big Downey Jr's role in the film will be.

The film will trace the story of *Romanoff*, who will confront her past.

At the *Lecture Series With Deepika* for the first edition of the Live, Love, Laugh foundation, Dr **SIDDHARTHA MUKHERJEE** speaks about how we need to address the stigma around mental health the same way we dealt with the taboo around cancer in the 1950s

You matter

There has been a long standing debate on mental health in our country and actor **Deepika Padukone**, who has been active in talking about her battle with depression at the peak of her career, believes that there is still a long road ahead in terms of creating more awareness on the issue. Though she is happy to see that a conversation on the topic has opened up. The 33-year-old actor, who was in the capital for the first edition of *The Live, Love, Laugh* foundation — *A Lecture Series With Deepika*, opened up about her struggles.

His talk was centered around

three forces, which he felt were needed to be addressed. The first force is political — for mental health to be recognised as a public health crisis, a national issue, there is a need to create national institutes for mental health. Stakeholders in the political domain must come together and work towards this common goal. The second force is social — this will entail advocacy and awareness around destigmatising mental health. The idea of 'you bring the disease to yourself' must be erased. The idea is to remould another disease with the learnings around destigmatising cancer. The third and final set of forces is biological, genetic or pharmaceutical, to an extent. This entails making efforts and carrying out research to understand the molecular mechanism so that people would not be victimised.

He shared an anecdote, "In 1950, Fanny Rosenau, a journalist, who was suffering from breast cancer, called up the



New York Times to place an advertisement to create a social support group for women with breast cancer. One of the editors said that we can't publish the word 'breast cancer'. How about we say social support group of women with chest diseases? So this is death by euphemism because it creates a culture where you become the victim of the disease. In the 50s, if you spoke to oncologists, they would remember the times when patients with cancer were pushed to the back of the hospital. Once a woman with ovarian cancer asked the medical establishments that 'will you throw me out if I don't get better?' because all you care about is the success of your therapy and not the empathy that you deliver to patients."

He added, "Today, biological insights are being extended to mental health. For instance, there are 100 gene variances that contribute to schizophrenia yet there is a clear environmental aspect to this. The same is true for other mental illnesses as well. The challenge for the next generation thus lies in understanding these two components. I call this the Yin/Yang puzzle. While the Yin — the genetic — part is solved, the Yang — or the environmental milieu — still needs to be addressed."

Dr Mukherjee noted that progress was being made and that there is more conversation, advocacy and philanthropy around mental health.

"There's not much stigma there used to be four years ago. But we certainly have a long way to go in terms of creating more

awareness. I think that's where we need to keep the conversation alive," Deepika, who looked stunning in a pristine white ensemble paired with shimmering danglers and minimal make-up, said.

The *Piku* star described her journey and said, "It's been an incredible journey since we developed our foundation. I think media has had a huge role in opening up the conversation in various ways, whether through interviews, write-ups or articles but we certainly have a long way to go and that's why we have the lecture series today," she said and added, "Four years ago, we wouldn't even talk to our families about

'MEDIA HAS HAD A HUGE ROLE IN INITIATING THE CONVERSATION ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH IN VARIOUS WAYS, WHETHER THROUGH INTERVIEWS, WRITE-UPS OR ARTICLES BUT WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO'

how we felt emotionally. Four years on, we, as a nation, have come a long way in bringing that conversation to the fore. This lecture series is an initiative to learn from some of the greatest minds of the 21st century. It is important for people, who are passionate about mental health, to talk about their journey. Illnesses such as AIDS and cancer have successfully managed to break through the stigma and I believe there is a lot for us to learn from those examples."

The event also featured a video message by Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for

Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, who said, "According to WHO, health is defined as a state of physical, mental, social and psychological well-being of an individual. It is not merely the absence of disease and infirmity. The definition itself makes it amply clear that mental health is an important component of the overall health spectrum. I wish to congratulate the foundation and Deepika Padukone, of course, for flagging this issue before the Indian society."

Dr Indu Bhushan, CEO of Ayushman Bharat pointed that the country's national health protection scheme covers all secondary and tertiary health states, including a large number of mental health conditions. Anyone with those conditions is provided free treatment. It also covers the poverty-stricken population of the country, which is 40 per cent. This is the segment where mental health issues go unnoticed and the scheme is going to help those who may have not received treatment for mental health so far.

The lecture was attended by decision makers including Dr Indu Bhushan, CEO, Ayushman Bharat; Amitabh Kant, CEO, Niti Aayog; Dr Renu Swarup, Secretary, Department of Biotechnology; Dr Balaram Bhargava, Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research; Professor Gagandeep Kang, Executive Director of the Translational Health Science and Technology Institute; Sanjeev Sanyal, Principal Economic Adviser in the Ministry of Finance, Government of India and Shakti Sinha, Director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library.

The event was also graced by Deepika's parents Prakash Padukone and Ujjala, sister Anisha Padukone, actor Sharmila Tagore, key stakeholders and decision makers from different sectors.

Photo: Pankaj Kumar

Dreamy and confident

The London Fashion Week set the tone for an elegant collection that ran the gamut from poised sophistication to joyful exuberance and sensual femininity



Fashion devotees basked in sunny weather and strong, whimsical collections as London Fashion Week neared its climax with runway shows by Roland Mouret, Victoria Beckham, Simone Rocha and others throughout the city.

A fleet of black chauffeured Mercedes whisked VIPs from venue to venue, but those who preferred to walk saw the British capital at its best, with glimpses of the street style that helps give London its credibility in the fashion competition with Paris, New York and Milan.

ROLAND MOURET'S COLLECTION FULL OF OPTIMISM, DESPITE WOES

Roland Mouret's spring 2020 collection was inspired by his observation of a worrying symmetry between New York in the 80s, enamoured of its own affluent progressiveness while on the verge of bankruptcy and today's social, environmental and political turbulence.

"It was a time when people were dressing up amazingly while on the other hand people were dying on the street. Now we have the same kind of interaction through our media. You go from the new launch at Selfridges and the next day there's someone dying," he said after the

show in a rarely seen courtyard at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Despite that bleak starting point, his show was full of optimistic, even dreamy colours cut in relaxed silhouettes, with lots of shimmering sequins.

The designer, who made his debut in 2005, and made his name with the figure-hugging galaxy dress which is still in production today, sent out a collection that nodded to the 80s via soft tailoring (a revolutionary concept led by Giorgio Armani and made famous by Richard Gere in *American Gigolo*), wide shoulders and relaxed American sportswear staples. Those were reframed by Mouret as a low-slung blue sequin skirt worn with a white blouse and a rope belt that looked like it was filched from the nearest yacht.

The wolves of Wall Street were alluded to through the corporate appeal of checked suits, the double-pleated fronts on gorgeously fluid wide-legged trousers and stock broker-approved wide lapels that were deployed across jackets and coats. The motif especially stood out on an oyster sequin blazer with a contrasting blue lapel, which was teamed with a blush pink sequin skirt and a white bohemian blouse.

SIMONE ROCHA SHOWS SERENE, OFFBEAT COLLECTION

Simone Rocha continues to impress and draw new admirers as her collections grow in sophistication without sacrificing the look that has made her unique. Her colour palette is simple. It blends white colour with blue, red, and black. But the embroidery and layering are remarkable.

The models hair seemed sculptural, adding texture and depth to the outfits, as did the elaborate braided straps to some of the handbags, which were similar to detailing on various outfits. Rocha also is improving her staging. With her designer father, John Rocha, watching from the front row, the show unspooled with a certain dignity and serenity, the models walking slowly in a circle on the stage of the Alexandra Palace, a 19th century landmark in north London.

Rocha continued what has become her tradition, employing some older models and some who were not rail-thin. Some of the models also broke with tradition by smiling at the audience, and one blew a kiss to a friend near the end of the show. It added to the celebratory feel.

STILL BUZZING ABOUT NAOMI CAMPBELL'S GALA

Much of the buzz focussed on the suc-

cess of Naomi Campbell's Fashion for Relief gala the night before, which continued for hours after the late-night show with a dinner in the heart of the British Museum.

Campbell has become a master at organising big, complex events for her charity efforts, and this was no exception. She managed to procure one of the most prestigious sites in London and filled it with a glamorous crowd.

She even returned to the runway, proving without a doubt she can still model any time she chooses.

EMILIA WICKSTEAD PAYS TRIBUTE TO LOUISA MAY ALCOTT

Emilia Wickstead paid homage to Louisa May Alcott's classic novel *Little Women* for spring 2020, a timely reference given a forthcoming film directed by Greta Gerwig which stars Emma Watson as Meg and Saoirse Ronan as the headstrong Jo March.

Debussy's soothing *Arabesque No 1 Andantino con moto* played as Wickstead's guests climbed the stairs of the Royal Albert Hall, setting the tone for an elegant collection that ran the gamut from poised sophistication to joyful exuberance and sensual femininity. There was a focus on volume, with bunches of fabric at the back of dresses echoing the bustles prevalent in Alcott's time.

One jumpsuit had a crisp collar and midriff cutout placed to accentuate a high waistband. Another dress had wide cuffed sleeves and panels reminiscent of 19th century shirt bibs. The palette of saccharine pinks, yellows, lavender, and tangerine was sharpened by red and black, while a print offering was comprised of delicate hand-painted blue roses imposed on a mint colour. Hats, a big motif in the novel, were used to give dramatic effect, especially one wide black visor-like piece that was perched and worn with a slim cap-sleeved black dress with a sternum-exposing cut-out.

Other moments of high drama appeared via a billowing cloud of black organza, fashioned into a balloon-sleeved gown. The closing look elicited raised eyebrows and naked admiration in equal measure — a full-length pink gown with copious bunches that could best be described as a boat-necked marshmallow.

—AP



Sara to bring Saif, Amrita's hits at IIFA

Sara Ali Khan is excited but nervous about performing at the 20th edition of International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards. She said that she will dance on hit songs of father Saif Ali Khan and mother Amrita Singh at the show.

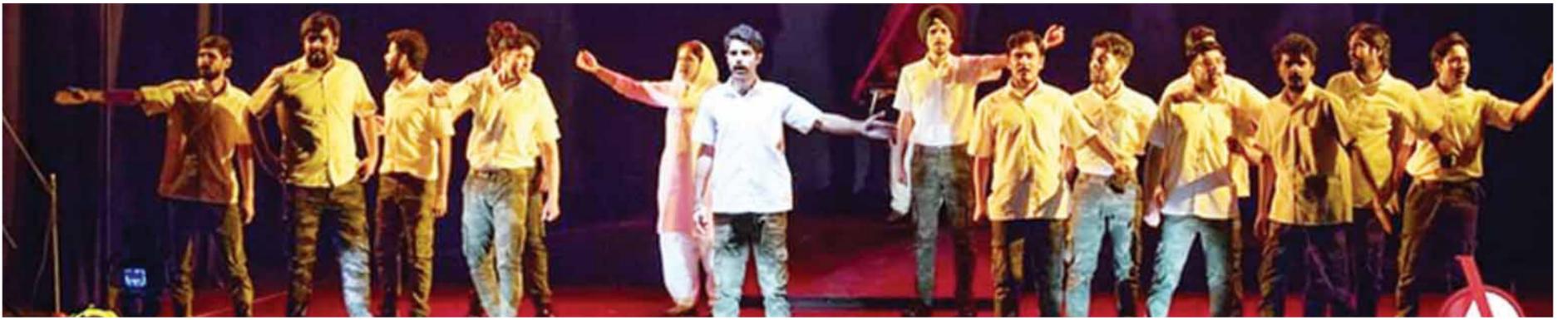
"I have been watching IIFA Awards since childhood and have travelled with my father to watch it. She recalls an incident of two years ago when IIFA was held in New Jersey and she was in New York with Saif. She said, "I couldn't attend the function because my father said, 'why do you want to attend, you haven't been invited?' So, this year's IIFA is really special to me because I have been invited. And I will be performing too. So I feel I have become a part of this industry."

She will perform with Ranveer Singh and Madhuri Dixit Nene at the show. "I am rehearsing for my performance and simultaneously shooting for David (Dhawan) sir too. So, I don't get enough time to rehearse but whatever time I get I try to make the most of it. It is pretty obvious that I am nervous about performing at the awards because it is the first time and that too with such big stars," said she.

When questioned about the songs that were on her playlist for the performance, Sara said, "I will perform on my songs. Since it's my first performance, I will also perform on the songs of my father and mother."

Sara will be seen in *Coolie No 1* opposite to Varun Dhawan, and in *Imtiaz Ali's* next, in which she co-stars with Kartik Aaryan. When asked about the filmmakers she wants to work with, she said, "I am working with David sir and Imtiaz (Ali) sir as of now. But I would also like to work with other filmmakers. I wish them to consider me in their films."

Sara's last release, *Simmba* opposite to Ranveer Singh in December 2018, was a box-office success. —IANS



What can you say about a 23-year-old boy who died? Rather sacrificed his life for his nation's good? Even though school textbooks and various films and plays have created multiple images of legendary Shaheed Bhagat Singh as someone who put the nation first when it was under the control of the British, I see him as the model of a well-educated and responsible youth whose wisdom and understanding of the plight of India at the time was far beyond his age. He profusely apologised for killing superintendent John Saunders and killed him despite knowing its consequences. He did it because for him, 'it had to be done.' He fought for the cause, and later, gave himself to it, quite consciously. However, he made sure he kept the flame burning in people's conscience to fight for their rights.

Playwright and director Piyush Mishra's *Gagan Damama Bajjo*, which returns to the stage after 16 years, presents an idea of the legendary fighter as somebody who, as opposed to what Mahatma Gandhi and other Congressmen followed, fought through violence against the British Raj. He looked at armed struggle as the only way out and a means for direct action that could spur the quickest results. The title of the play, a phrase derived from the Guru Granth Sahib, translates to 'Tu aaj se hi bhid jaa, baaki dekh lenge' (Rush headlong into the battle, the rest will be looked at later). While I have imagined the martyr as a simple man adorning a white kurta-pyjama and a turban on his head, Mishra's Bhagat Singh and his troupe are dressed in crisp plain-white shirts and Cargo men's pants, more like modern-day crusaders. The play begins with a mother scrutinising the British government's regulations as she had lost

Long live the revolution

Playwright PIYUSH MISHRA's *Gagan Damama Bajjo* returns to the stage after 16 years. CHAHAK MITTAL reviews the play, which has become even more relevant with time as it attempts to awaken a sense of responsibility among today's young people and inspire them with Shaheed Bhagat Singh's ideologies

her sons, who had fought relentlessly for the rights of the nation and given themselves to it when the need came. She is petrified of people who sleep soundly despite the dark days and questions, "Do you want to lose more?" Yes, the nation has stopped commemorating their martyrdom — March 23 — but the character's cry was more about lament that today's young people have forgotten the ideals of these revolutionaries and lost the power to protest.

The play's plot proceeds with two parallel events where Shiv Verma, one of the compatriots of the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA), is in a time zone of 1994 and recalls the series of events that had happened during 1928-1931. These include the Kakori robbery, bombings hurled at the Assembly, hunger strike in

Lahore prison, and Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev's hanging. It was an impressive non-linear shuffle between time and space, which seamlessly transitioned the audience from the past to the future and the present to the past. And the best part was that one couldn't really point out to one thing as it was very subtle and blended with the plot well.

Going as per what Mishra had said, "Our history textbooks have not done justice to the idea of Sardar Bhagat Singh Sandhu. From his ideology to his complete name, there are many things which our students still do not know about." While they might believe that he hurled bombs at an assembly, killed people and stood against Mahatma Gandhi, the play showcases how he only opposed the idea of Indian leaders collaborating with the

Whites. Such an approach, the young revolutionary had argued, could have ended the British rule in India but wouldn't have brought the "British rule" out of India. The ideologies would have remained the same — repressive — just the rulers would have changed. It was just a shoutout to make people stand up as well as a revolt against the Gandhi-Irwin pact. But it could very well apply to us, a call to think deeply about our systemic wrongs.

He talks about hunger prevailing in the society when he says, "Bhooke so rahe hain log aur party movement band kara rahi hai", (talking of the non-cooperation movement which was called off by Gandhi ji). Shiv Verma recalls how Bhagat Singh as a leader was not worried about independence but the India after the independence. "Azaadi zaroori nahi, azaadi ke



baad ka Bharat zaroori hai," says Singh as he was very well aware that independence was inevitable. After the Lahore conspiracy verdict, he says, "Humara inqilab aayega. Yeh alag baat hai hum usey zinda aankhon se dekh paate hain ya nahi."

Through modern-day humour, the play uses satirical comedy stitched amid serious scenes in the plot to make it more relatable. There is a scene where Singh's friends confront his father when he asks about his whereabouts. When they try to stall the question by answering that they had no information, he says in a loud tone, "Baap hain hum tumhaare" and grabs some laughs.

Even Singh's fiancée makes up for some giggles in her short-lived yet essential presence on the stage. It makes one wonder how even the smallest of characters play such an

important role in the plots.

At various moments throughout the 120-minute run, the dialogue delivery of the actors made one get goosebumps. One of the dialogues that stands out for me is when Singh says, 'Kal jab maine jamadaar ke aath (8) saal ke bete ko naara lagate dekha, toh mera maqsad poora hogaya (Yesterday, when I saw an eight-year-old son of a ragpicker calling out slogans, I felt my objective had been accomplished).

The play is quite swift in representing a number of things within the span of just two hours. For instance, Lala Lajpat Rai's death is depicted in a very flowing manner, rather than stretching it out. And the musical elements embedded in between the plot vividly explain every emotion.

The play, produced by Question

Associates (Q&A), eloquently looks at the differences that have come about after their hanging. And commenting on the present, it comes to a final note when everyone is mourning Singh's hanging. Three heads are hung in the backdrop with blood red light, and Shiv Verma, in 1994, questions, "Kya yehi tha woh azaad Bharat ka sapna jisko paane ka tasawoor tumne liya tha, Bhagat?" Even though the play's timeline ends in 1994, it questions the audience even today about their idea of nationalism and how today's youth is growing to be ignorant about multiple events of corruption and injustice prevailing in society. After all, what does this generation's 23-year-old want? Certainly, he wouldn't choose to die for the nation as fearlessly as Singh did, nor would he sacrifice his love interest for the greater good.

Presenting a rare confluence of art and architecture, Chitracharya Upendra Maharathi presents a historic perspective through his paintings, drawings, murals, weaving, sculptures, and a stunning set of 24 chairs that talk about how the dynamism of design has evolved through the time.

National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) celebrates the newly renovated Jaipur House by unveiling more than a thousand works by Maharathi. The fact that 95 per cent of his works were bequeathed to the NGMA is a lesson in the annals of history. The artist was also a rare example of an individual who had deep interest in Buddhism. His designs spanned pagodas and other important ventures in Japan too.

BLENDING COLONIAL AND CLASSIC

As one enters the Jaipur House, tucked in the corner is a chaise-lounge characterised by a Baroque aesthetic that features elaborate turnings, simple curves as well as case pieces with simple flat surfaces and architectural trim. Maharathi commonly used materials such as indigenous teak to balance ebullient, elaborate carving, and elegant detailing. The chaise-lounge chair epitomises an eclectic combination of motifs and the simplicity of materials which has been loaned from the Buddhist monastery at Rajghirand. It was used by the monks to sleep upon.

Curator Adwaita Gadanayak, DG NGMA, has designed special installations all through the historic show for this retrospective entitled — *Shashwat*. He says, "Looking at the number of chairs, we realised that Maharathi had a conviction in the aesthetic experiences as a fully autonomous and independent aspect of a human life. His deeper

Classic confluence

CHITRACHARYA UPENDRA MAHARATHI's artworks represent a historic perspective and how it can be re-interpreted by an artist. By UMA NAIR



unveiling Maharathi is about visiting Indian history. And his works gifted to the NGMA form a resident resonance of a genius who needs to be studied.

ENRICHED BY AN EPOCH

Inspired by the epoch of the art and design period of Bihar during the Mauryan Empire and enriched by the folk and tribal culture, the quaint collection of chairs evokes an understanding of tradition and modernity through a classic vein.

Each chair unravels like its custom made by the artist, architect and designer himself. The weight distribution on the woven rope seats, comfort of the backrest, and the low slung silhouette look add to its charm. The smallest details have been worked upon for aesthetic as well as graceful syncopated reasons. The traditional *jaali* is as intricate as the plant inspired foliate designs. The Magadha symbol stands regal and royal.

SYMPHONY OF CURVES

The chairs that belong to the Maharathi Museum and the Buddhist Monastery are characterised by a sophisticated fluidity. When we group them they have a very strong and stylistic identity. In the symphony of elegant curves, these 24 chairs are a walk between private and public space.

PAINTINGS AND WEAVES

Other than the chairs, there are

drawings, paintings portraits, woven shawl like sculptures and baskets woven with elan.

Among the portraits there is a frame designed by Maharathi himself which speaks of classic confluences. In his paintings he worked on canvas, paper, cloth and silk. Through his stunning Buddhist narratives, his deep understanding of spirituality comes to the fore. The softened contours show his passion.

FAMOUS ARCHITECTURAL ASSIGNMENTS

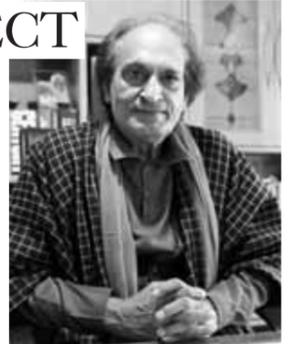
Maharathi designed pagodas not only in India but Japan as well. The Gotemba Peace Pagoda of Japan that enshrines holy relics of Buddha was gifted by India in 1963. The Sanchi Style Gate at Gotemba Peace Park is another masterpiece there. According to his daughter Mahashweta Maharathi, both the monuments are situated in the foothills of Mount Fuji and are the third most visited peace parks after Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

In India, Rajgir World Peace Pagoda, built atop Ratnagiri hill, facing Gridhakuta hill, where Buddha preached the *Saddharma Pundarika Sutra* (Lotus Sutra) for eight years is of great fame.

He also designed the New Venu Van Vihar Monastery, which is located opposite to the ancient site of first Buddhist monastery presented to Buddha by Bimbisara. It was inaugurated in 1981. Of great importance is the Nav Nalanda Mahavihar (now under Union Culture Ministry at Nalanda) inaugurated by Vice President Dr Radhakrishnan in 1956. It was built to commemorate the ancient Nalanda University. The show affirms the truth that vintage and antiquities are finite, but an artist's creativity is infinite.

THE PERFECT SHOT

Photographer RAGHU RAI becomes the first recipient of the inaugural edition of the Académie des beaux-arts Photography Award, William Klein, in India



Renowned Indian photographer Raghu Rai has been chosen as the first recipient of the inaugural edition of the Académie des beaux-arts Photography Award — William Klein. Established this year, the award is in honour of the celebrated American-born French photographer and filmmaker William Klein, best known for his unusual photography techniques. "The jury of the 2019 edition named the photographer Raghu Rai, laureate of the first edition of the Académie des beaux-arts Photography Award — William Klein," Académie des Beaux-Arts said.

As a consecration award, the prize is intended to reward a photographer for their entire career and commitment towards photography. It rewards one photographer of all nationalities and ages. To be awarded every two years, alternating with the Photography Prize Marc Ladreit de Lacharrière, it carries with it a monetary prize of 1,20,000 euros.

Rai, who started photography by chance in 1965, began to work for The Statesman as their chief photographer a year later. In 1969, he completed a Thomson fellowship in England and

worked for The Times for four weeks. After three half pages of his picture essays were published week after week, he was offered a job at The Times by Norman Hall. He returned to India to continue his unfinished creative explorations in the lanes, and won several accolades in the years that followed.

In 1972, impressed with Rai's exhibition at Gallery Delpire in Paris, Henri-Cartier Bresson nominated him to Magnum photos. In the same year, he was also awarded the Padma Shree, a first for any photographer, for his work on the Bangladesh War.

He was awarded the *Photographer of the Year* in 1992 in America for his story — *Human Management of Wildlife in India* for the National Geographic. In 2009, he was conferred Officer des Arts et des Lettres by the French government. He also received a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Indian Government in 2016.

The William Klein Photography Award will be presented to Rai in the Palais de l'Institut de France on October 30. It will be closely followed by an exhibition retracing the career of the photographer in the institute in November.

WATCH OUT



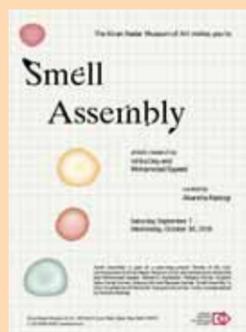
IC presents *Wayside Flowers*, an exhibition of paintings in water colour by Chandrakanta Das from Lucknow. **WHEN:** September 18 to 26 **TIME:** 11 am to 7 pm **WHERE:** Art Gallery, India International Centre Annexe, Lodhi Estate.



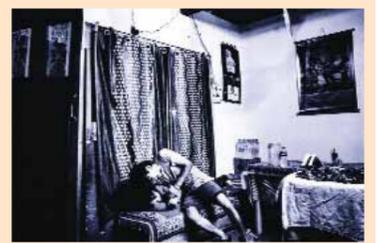
Nav Shri Art & Culture Organisation presents *Art N Art*, a group exhibition of paintings, sculpture, photography, art and craft works by 52 artists from 16 states. **WHEN:** September 20 to 26 **TIME:** 11 am to 6:30 pm **WHERE:** Artizen Art Gallery, Pearey Lal Bhawan.



Curated by Ashrafi S Bhagat, Art Alive Gallery presents *Moments and Transformations: Finding Life in Materiality*, a group show that features artworks by seven artists from Chennai and Puducherry. **WHEN:** September 23 to October 5 **TIME:** 11 am to 7 pm **WHERE:** Art Alive Gallery, Panchsheel Park.



Curated by Akansha Rastogi, KNMA presents *Smell Assembly*, an artistic research project and exhibition, which is about the smells that surround us. **WHEN:** Till September 30 **TIME:** 10.30 am to 6.30 pm **WHERE:** Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, Saket.



Lucid is an amalgamation of two series of works by photographer Abhishek Basu — *Labyrinth* and *The Rum Diary* — which explore his journey of self, intricacies of his mind, feeling of entrapment and mental struggle. **TIME:** 11 am to 6 pm **WHEN:** Till September 30 **WHERE:** Art Explore Gallery.

SINDHU EYES CHINA OPEN

PTI ■ CHANGZHOU (CHINA)

World champion P V Sindhu will look to reassert her supremacy when she spearheads the Indian campaign at the USD 1,000,000 China Open World Tour Super 1000 tournament beginning here on Tuesday.

The World No.5 Sindhu ended India's long wait for a world championship gold at Basel, Switzerland last month.

She achieved the historic feat after her third successive final appearance. The performance also turned around her erratic season during which she had reached the finals at the Indonesia Open Super 1000 event.

Life after that historic gold has been all about felicitations and the Indian will now have to quickly turn her focus back on badminton as she remains the country's best bet at the China Open, a title she had won in 2016.

The 24-year-old from Hyderabad will begin her campaign against China's Li Xuerui, a former Olympic gold medalist and World No.1.

Interestingly, Sindhu had announced her arrival on the international scene when she had stunned the then Olympic champion Li at the China Masters in 2012.

Since then, Sindhu has reached the highest echelons of international badminton, while Li has been dealing with a career-threatening knee injury that she suffered at the Rio Olympics.

The Chinese is currently ranked 20th but has a 3-3 record against Sindhu.

Sindhu had beaten Li at the Indonesia Masters earlier this year and if she can cross the opening hurdle, she is likely to face Canadian Michelle Li, who hasn't beaten the Indian since 2014.

If everything goes well, then she might be up against China's third seed and All England champion Chen Yufei in the quarter-final.

World No.8 Saina Nehwal, who had won the Indonesia Masters this year, will also look to put up a good show following her recovery from injuries which bogged her down this season.

The former World No.1 looked good at the world championships before a few controversial umpiring decisions ended her run when she lost to Mia Blichfeldt of Denmark in second round. Saina will face Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrungphan in the opening round and is expected to clash with former world no.1 and her nemesis Tai Tzu Ying of Chinese Taipei in the quarter-finals.

China Open, the last Super 1000 event of the World Tour season, will also see the return of two superstars -- Olympic champion and three-time world champion Carolina Marin and 2017 World Champion Viktor Axelsen. Both the bigwigs will be back after recovering from



PV Sindhu reacts after getting a point

File photo/Twitter

THE 24-YEAR-OLD FROM HYDERABAD WILL BEGIN HER CAMPAIGN AGAINST CHINA'S LI XUERUI, A FORMER OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALLIST AND WORLD NO.1 SINDHU HAD ANNOUNCED HER ARRIVAL ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE WHEN SHE HAD STUNNED THE THEN OLYMPIC CHAMPION LI AT THE CHINA MASTERS IN 2012

their respective injuries.

The Indian campaign lost a bit of sheen with the withdrawal of Kidambi Srikanth and H S Prannoy.

While Srikanth's knee injury flared up during the world championships, Prannoy is down with dengue.

All eyes will be on B Sai Praneeth, who ended India's 36-year wait to become the first Indian male shuttler to claim a medal at the World Championships.

The talented shuttler will open against Thailand's Suppanyu Avihingsanon and is

likely to face China's third seed Shi Yu Qi in the second round.

Former Commonwealth Games champion Parupalli Kashyap too will be in the fray, taking on France's Brice Leverdez in the first round.

Returning to action after an injury lay-off will be the pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, who became the first men's pair from the country to win a super 500 event at Thailand Open last month.

The duo, who had broken into the top 10, will open against Canadian combination of Jason Anthony Ho-Shue and Nyl Yakura.

In mixed doubles, Satwik will pair up with Ashwini

Ponnappa and meet Praveen Jordan and Melati Daeva Oktavianti, the Indonesian sixth seeds.

The other men's pair of Manu Attri and B Sumeth Reddy will square off against the second-seeded Indonesian pair of Mohammad Ahsan and Hendra Setiawan.

Ashwini and N Sikki Reddy, the Commonwealth Game bronze medalists, will fight it out against the Taiwanese combination of Cheng Chi Ya and Lee Chih Chen in women's doubles, while Sikki and Pranaav Jerry Chopra will lock horns with Germany's Mark Lamfuss and Isabel Herttrich.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

BRANCH: GRAIN MARKET, JULANA, DISTRICT JIND

[Rule-8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas the undersigned being the "Authorized Officer" of the State Bank of India, Grain Market, Julana District Jind, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand notice to borrower / Guarantor(s) on the dates mentioned hereunder; calling upon the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the respective demand notice within 60 days of the date of the notice.

The Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount (s) notice is hereby given to the respective Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the Authorised Officer has taken Possession of the Property / Properties described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred in him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the said rules, on the dates mentioned against each account.

The owners/occupiers of the property are directed to handover the vacant possession with in 30 DAYS of this notice to avoid use of force or other measures with the assistance of District Magistrate u/s 14 of the act. The owner/occupiers may please note that after 30 days from the date of this notice, property will be auctioned.

The Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with property (properties), and any dealing with the property /properties, will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India, Grain Market, Julana District Jind, for the amount(s), mentioned herein below besides interest and other charges / expenses against each account.

Name of Borrower/ Guarantors/ Sh./Smt	Description of the Immovable property	Date of Demand Notice	Amount as per demand notice	Date of possession Notice
Sh. Jai Bhagwan S/o Sh. Sultan Singh, House No. 46, Ward No. 6, Tehsil Julana, District Jind-126101 and Guarantor: Sh. Sultan Singh S/o Sh. Bhagat Ram, H. No. 46, Ward No. 6, Tehsil Julana, District Jind 126101.	Equitable Mortgage of residential property bearing no 97/6 & 92/6 situated in the main market opposite Police Station, Julana and vide Sale Deed No. 957 dated 12.02.1985 measuring 59 sq. yards & vide Sale Deed No. 1692 dated 20.08.1966 measuring 72 sq. yards respectively in the name of Sh. Sultan Singh s/o Sh. Bhagat Ram.	20.06.19	Rs. 8,79,812/- as on 19.06.2019 with future interest thereon plus charges and expenses	11.09.2019
Sh. Naresh Kumar S/o Sh. Jannadas (C/o Bunt Enterprises) R/o Village Brahmanwas, Presently residing at House No. 75/12 (New 132/12), Jogi Mohalla, Durga Mandir wali Gali Julana	Equitable mortgage of residential house measuring 180.88 sq yards situated at House No. 75/12 (New 132/12), Jogi Mohalla, Durga Mandir wali Gali Julana in the name of Sh. Naresh Kumar S/o Sh. Jannadas vide Sale Deed No. 1044 dated 26.09.2017.	11.07.19	Rs. 26,04,783/- as on 10.07.2019 with future interest thereon plus charges and expenses	11.09.2019
Sh. Ramesh Khan S/o Sh. Abdul Rahman, C/o Haryana Medical Health Training Centre Julana, R/o Lakshman Market Julana-126101 and Guarantor(s) Rehman vide Sale Deed No.1815 dated 21.01.2010.	Equitable mortgage of residential house measuring 56 sq. yards in the name of Sh. Ramesh Khan S/o Sh. Abdul Rehman vide Sale Deed No.1815 dated 21.01.2010.	20.06.19	Rs. 8,30,755/- as on 19.06.2019 with future interest thereon plus charges and expenses.	11.09.2019
Sh. Krishan Kumar s/o Sh. Nafe Singh R/o VPO Julana District Jind.				

Date: 16.09.2019 Place: Julana (Jind) Authorised Officer

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice

Chief Medical Supdt, Northern Railway, Firozpur Cantt for an on behalf of the President of India invites E-tenders against Tender Notice No. 31-Med/ASR/MC Closing Date/Time/16.10.2019 at 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only.

Name of Work	Mechanized cleaning of sewer line, septic tank and manholes cleaning through truck mounted suction cum pressure jetting sewer cleaning machine along with trained man power, diesel, water and other accessories and to dump the same in to the Municipal corporation dumping ground with contractor's own labour from Railway colonies of Amritsar area for a period of two years.
Tender Type	Open (e-tender)
Tender Closing date/time	16.10.2019 at 15:00 hrs
Date time of Uploading tender	16.9.2019 at 15.00 Hrs.
Advertised Value	Rs.43,52,784/- for two years
Bidding System	Tendering Section
Single Packet	Medical
Bidding Style	Single rate
Bidding Unit	Rs./Month
Earnest Money	Rs. 87056/-
Validity of offer	45 days
Tender Doc. cost	Rs. 3000/-
Period of completion	2 years from the date of starting

Contractor are allowed to make payment against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through modes available on IREPS portal like net banking debit/credit card etc. Bidder should visit above website for complete details and should check the website from time to time to note corrigendum, if any.

Tender Notice No. 31-Med/ASR/MC 2968/19

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TENDER NOTICE

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./ AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./ AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/ EMAIL
1	HSI/DC	TENDER FOR SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF LAPTOPS/TABLETS	14.09.2019 24.09.2019	4.99 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	HSD/11
2	LUVAS HISAR	CONSTRUCTION OF 02 NO'S HOSTELS (BOYS & GIRLS) AT NEW CAMPUS OF LUVAS HISAR	19.09.2019 10.10.2019	4400 LACS	www.luvas.edu.in	dsw@luvass.edu.in
3	GURU JAMBHESHWAR UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECH. HISAR	ANNUAL/SPECIAL REPAIR/MAINTENANCE OF OLD RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX (A.C.D & E TYPE HOUSES) AT GUSAT, HISAR.	17.09.2019 10.10.2019	99600	http://www.gust.ac.in	01662-263105 www.dshub@rediffmail.com
4	HSPV OYM KHANA CLUB	PROVIDING OF CATERING, BAR SERVICES FOR OYM KHANA CLUB SECTOR-21C, FARIDABAD.	CLOSING 01.10.2019	24 LACS	svmhanchaclub@faridabad.ad@gmail.com	0129-2437022
5	PANDIT LAKHMI GHANDI SURVA	REPAIR, OPERATION AND CMG WORK OF HVAC CHILLER SYSTEM IN PLSUVA. ROHTAK + 1 OTHER WORKS	16.09.2019 15.10.2019	3.50 CHORE	http://surva.ac.in/surva.ac.in	9466628238 devedendrathe9@rediffmail.com

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TENDER NOTICE

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1	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AMBALA CITY	TOTAL 20 NO. OF DEVELOPMENT WORKS TO BE EXECUTED IN THE JURISDICTION OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AMBALA CITY	13.09.2019 20.09.2019	129.12 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0171-2443747
2	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AMBALA CITY	TOTAL 7 NO. OF DEVELOPMENT WORKS TO BE EXECUTED IN THE JURISDICTION OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AMBALA CITY	13.09.2019 20.09.2019	378.05 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0171-2443747
3	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ROHTAK	SITC OF CABELING IN VILLAGE KHERI SADH IN THE AREA OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, ROHTAK	13.09.2019 20.09.2019	69.95 LACS	www.etenders.hry.nic.in	xenmrcrohtak@gmail.com
4	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE SAMPLA	CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE STATION AND GUEST HOUSE CUM MULTI PURPOSE HALL SITUATED AT SAMPLA NEAR POLICE STATION IN M.C SAMPLA	CLOSING 26.09.2019	1352.56 LACS	www.etenders.hry.nic.in	Secretary
5	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GURJURAM	DNIT FOR RENOVATION / CONSTRUCTION AND UPGRADEATION OF UGT SEC -42, WARD NO 34, MOG + 4 OTHER WORKS	13.09.2019 04.10.2019	78.82 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	Ee@mcga.gov.in
6	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HANSI	MCH/2019/20	13.09.2019 19.09.2019	2 LACS	www.etenders.hry.nic.in	EE.MC.HANSI
7	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE ISMAILABAD	TOTAL 4 NO. OF DEVELOPMENT WORKS TO BE EXECUTED IN THE JURISDICTION OF MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE ISMAILABAD.	16.09.2019 21.09.2019	235 LACS	www.etenders.hry.nic.in	Secretary
8	LOCAL BODIES HARYANA	REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR SELECTION OF CAG EMPANELLED CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT FIRMS IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCRUAL BASED DOUBLE ENTRY ACCOUNTING SYSTEM (ADEAS) IN ALL THE MUNICIPAL CORP./COUNCILS/ COMMITTEES OF AMBALA CLUSTER OF HARYANA + 5 OTHER WORKS	15.09.2019 13.11.2019	NA	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	91172_2570020 dubhry@hry.nic.in
9	FARIDABAD SMART CITY LTD	BADKHAL LAKE REJUVENATION - MAIN BUND STRENGTHENING AND WIDENING ON EPC BASIS WITH DEFECT LIABILITY PERIOD OF TWO YEARS	14.09.2019 04.10.2019	17.18 CRORE	www.smartcityfarida bad.co.in	8510005801 faridabadsmartcityltd@gmail.com
10	FARIDABAD SMART CITY LTD	SELECTION OF SYSTEMS INTEGRATOR(S) TO DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE OF DISASTER RECOVERY CLOUD OF SMART CITY EXISTING APPLICATIONS ON DPC, FBD	14.08.2019 09.10.2019	3 LACS	www.smartcityfarida bad.co.in	8510005801 faridabadsmartcityltd@gmail.com
11	FARIDABAD CITY TRANSPORT SERVICES LTD	REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DESIGN, ENGINEERING, PROCUREMENT & CONSTRUCTION OF BUS DEPOT AT FARIDABAD ON EPC BASIS & DETAILS AVAILABLE ON "HTTPS://ETENDERS.HRY.NIC.IN"	14.09.2019 04.10.2019	9.06 CRORE	www.smartcityfarida bad.co.in	8510005801 faridabadsmartcityltd@gmail.com
12	HSAMB FARIDABAD	SPECIAL REPAIR OF VARIOUS LINK ROADS ROAD ID- 664 & 5205 GROUP NO.-1 IN NIT FARIDABAD CONSTI TUENCY WORK PLAN 2018-19. TIME LIMIT FOR 2 MONTHS + 8 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING 25.09.2019	95.74 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	9971730975 xenfaridabad.hsamb2019@gmail.com
13	HSAMB AMBALA	SPECIAL REPAIR OF LINK ROAD FROM VILLAGE ABDULGAHARH TO DANGALIA IN THE NA OF M.C. BARARA ROAD ID-4415	13.09.2019 24.09.2019	33.02 LACS	www.hsamb.org.in	0171-2530675 xenambalad2018.hsamb@gmail.com
14	HSAMB KARNAL	SHIFTING OF EXISTING SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN NGM AT GHARAUNDA (M-1020) + 2 OTHER WORKS	16.09.2019 26.09.2019	63.74 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0184-2220954
15	HOUSING BOARD HARYANA	CONSTRUCTION OF 204 NOS. EWS GROUP-B (THREE STOREYED) DWELLING UNITS FLATS FOR B.P.L CATEGORY INCLUDING INTERNAL PH & E SERVICES IN HOUSING BOARD COLONY, SECTOR-77-78, FARIDABAD (ON RISK & COST OF M/S NAVRANG INFRASTRUCTURE INC.)	17.09.2019 10.10.2019	5.69 CRORE	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0129-2276030 xenbhhd@gmail.com
16	HARYANA POLICE HOUSING CORPORATION	PROVIDING / CONSTRUCTION / RENOVATION WORKS IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS OF HARYANA STATE PANCHKULA	17.09.2019 26.09.2019	99.06 LACS	www.hpcc.org.in	dbpanchkula@yahoo.co m
17	HPGCL	(NIT NO.07/PT/IT-35/2019-20) SUB- ENGAGING A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR SUPPLY, IMPLEMENTATION AND SUPPORT OF MPLS-VPL AND IP-SEC- CONNECTIVELY FOR ERP ACROSS HPGCL STATIONS AND PRIMARY AND SECONDARY DATA ENTER.	13.09.2019 14.10.2019	9.03 LACS	www.hpcc.org.in	0180-2566015 xenmtcp1@gmail.com

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

CORRIGENDUM

Vide this notice No. : - 52/PUB-TRAINS/UMBI/11 Date: 08.09.2019, the tenders for display of vinyl stickers of 10 trains have been invited by Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Ambala Cantt on 30.09.2019 & 01.10.2019 at 15:00 hrs, Northern Railway, which was published in only english news papers on 08.09.2019. The Train No. 1451/12 No. of rake was wrongly mentioned as "One" instead of "Three". All the other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. No. 52/PUB-TRAINS/UMBI/11 Date: 16.09.2019 2967/19

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Proclamation Requiring Attendance Of Defendant

(Order 5, Rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure)

In the Court of Ms. Charu Aggarwal Addl. District Judge, West District-03, Room No.31, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi Case No. CS(COMM.)21/2019 M/s. P.K. Enterprises

..... Plaintiff

V/s

M/s Datsun India - Ludhiana

..... Defendant

To, M/s Datsun India - Ludhiana, Through its Proprietor, at: 206, Industrial Area-A, Ludhiana, Punjab

THE DEFENDANT ABOVE NAMED WHEREAS you are intentionally evading service of summons, it is hereby notified that in case you do not defend the case which is fixed on the 16.10.2019 at 10:00A.M., it will be heard in your absence and determined ex-parte as per law.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on 11.09.2019.

Sd/-

Addl. District Judge-03(West) Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD

8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh Ph. 0172-4601826

PUBLIC NOTICE

Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh.
Subject: - Mutation /Transfer of ownership Dwelling Unit No. 2004 (Ground Floor) of HIG(L) Category-II in Sector 47-C, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of S. Balbir Singh Bhatti S/o S. Sewa Singh and Ms. Simarpreet D/o S. Balbir Singh Bhatti from the name of allottee/transferee S. Harjit Singh Bajwa S/o Sh. Niranjan Singh

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that the Dwelling Unit No. 2004, in Sector 47-C Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee S. Harjit Singh Bajwa S/o S. Niranjan Singh. Now, S Harjit Singh Bajwa S/o S. Niranjan Singh has sold the above said dwelling unit to S. Balbir Singh Bhatti S/o S. Sewa Singh and (i) Ms. Simarpreet D/o S. Balbir Singh Bhatti vide Sale Deed Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh on 10-09-2019. (i) S. Balbir Singh Bhatti S/o S. Sewa Singh and (ii) Ms. Simarpreet D/o S. Balbir Singh Bhatti have requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in their name on the basis of sale deed.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 15 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s)

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD

8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh Ph. 0172-4601826

PUBLIC NOTICE

Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh.
Subject: - Mutation /Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No. 3181 of LIG(D) Category in Sector 47-D, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name(s) of Sh.Amit Kumar S/o Sh.Mansa Ram from the name of allottee/transferee Sh.Ashok Kumar Mehta S/o Sh.Thakur Dass.

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that the Dwelling Unit No. 3181 of LIG(D) Category in Sector 47-D, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee Sh.Ashok Kumar Mehta S/o Sh.Thakur Dass. Now, Sh.Ashok Kumar Mehta S/o Sh.Thakur Dass has sold the above said dwelling unit to Sh.Amit Kumar S/o Sh.Mansa Ram vide Sale Deed Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh on 27-8-2019. Sh.Amit Kumar S/o Sh.Mansa Ram has requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in his name(s) on the basis of sale deed.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 15 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD

8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh Ph. 0172-4601753

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified for the General Public that the following person(s) have applied for Permission for the Sale/Purchase of Dwelling Unit in their names under Regulation of the Chandigarh Housing Board (Allotment, Management and Sale of Tenements) Regulations 1978:

Sr. No.	Name of the Purchaser	Name of the Seller	D.U. No.	Category	Sector
1.	(i) Sh. Vinod Kumar S/o Sh. Karam Chand and (ii) Sh. Sahil Mahajan S/o Sh. Vinod Kumar	Sh. Kuldeep Singh Saini S/o Sh. Kartar Chand Saini	2908-2	SF-I	42-C, Chandigarh
2.	(i) Sh. Shishpal S/o Sh. Abhe Ram and (ii) Smt. Naresh Kumari W/o Sh. Shishpal	Smt. Shama Devi W/o Sh. Rajinder Kumar	1674-1	LIG	29-B, Chandigarh

In case anybody has any objection for the Sale/Purchase in respect of above said dwelling units, he/she may submit the objection, if any, in writing within 15 days of the publication of this notice before the undersigned alongwith documentary evidence, if any

SECRETARY,
CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD

8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh Ph. 0172-4601826

PUBLIC NOTICE

Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh.
Subject: - Mutation /Transfer of ownership Dwelling Unit No. 2954 (Ground Floor) of Category-1 in Sector 42-C, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of Smt. Rajish Suden W/o Sh. Nagesh Suden from the name of allottee/transferee (i) Rajeev Chopra S/o Late Sh. Tilkaj Raj Chopra and (ii) Sh. Rakesh Chopra S/o Late Sh. Tilkaj Raj Chopra

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that the Dwelling Unit No. 2954 of Category-1 in Sector 42-C Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee (i) Sh. Rajeev Chopra S/o Late Sh. Tilkaj Raj Chopra and (ii) Sh. Rakesh Chopra S/o Late Sh. Tilkaj Raj Chopra. Now, (i) Sh. Rajeev Chopra S/o Late Sh. Tilkaj Raj Chopra has sold the above said dwelling unit to Smt. Rajish Suden W/o Sh. Nagesh Suden vide Sale Deed Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh on 12-09-2019. (i) Smt. Rajish Suden W/o Sh. Nagesh Suden has requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in her name on the basis of sale deed.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 15 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh.
Subject: - Mutation/Transfer of ownership Dwelling Unit No. 2652-2 of HIG (L)-II Category Sector 47-C, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of Sh. Jaswinder Singh Randhawa S/o Sh. Randhir Singh Randhawa from the name of allottee/transferee Smt. Sangeeta Kapoor/W/o Late Sh. Harish Kapoor.

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that the Dwelling Unit No. 2652-2 of HIG (L)-II Category Sector 47-C, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee Smt. Sangeeta Kapoor W/o Late Sh. Harish Kapoor. Now, allottee/transferee Smt. Sangeeta Kapoor W/o Late Sh. Harish Kapoor has sold the above said dwelling unit to Sh. Jaswinder Singh Randhawa S/o Sh. Randhir Singh Randhawa vide Sale Deed Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh on 17-9-2018. Sh. Jaswinder Singh Randhawa S/o Sh. Randhir Singh Randhawa has requested this office for transfer of the above said dwelling unit in their name on the basis of sale deed.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 15 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

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Aussie's mission accomplished

AFP ■ LONDON

Australia captain Tim Paine said it was mission accomplished even though his team lost the fifth and final Ashes Test against England to draw the series 2-2.

The tourists came into the match at the Oval seeking their first series victory in England since 2001 but came up short, losing by 135 runs on Sunday.

But Paine said Australia, who won at Edgbaston and Old Trafford but lost agonisingly to a Ben Stokes-inspired England at Headingley, had achieved their main objective in retaining the urn.

"We're taking the urn home so that's certainly what we came to do," he said.

"We're thrilled by this game obviously, puts a bit of a dampener on it."

"We can be really proud of the way we've come over here, which is a challenging place for Australians to come and play and win," he added. "To win two Test matches pretty convincingly, should have won a third (at Headingley) — let that slip no doubt."

Paine said winning the first Test at Edgbaston, where Australia triumphed by 251 runs, had been crucial for his side's confidence.

"There was so much talk about that being a fortress and how difficult a place



Australia's cricket team poses for photographers with the Ashes Urn

it was going to be for us to start the series, probably by design, so for us to come over and win that first Test, and win it, in the end, quite convincingly gave us the belief that we could do it," he said.

And the skipper said he still felt he had a role to play in taking the side forward.

"We've still got a way to go," he said. "Obviously Steve (Smith) had an unbelievably good series and won us a couple of Tests by himself so we've got some parts that we need to improve."

"But if we click them into gear while we've got Steve at the height of his powers and with the pace attack we've got, in the next few years we're going to be a very hard team to beat."

"There's plenty of improvement in this side," Paine added.

"I still feel I've got a little bit to give in that space and we're always

trying to develop more leaders within our group as well."

Smith, who scored 774 runs in just seven innings, said he was exhausted after a long tour, which also included the World Cup.

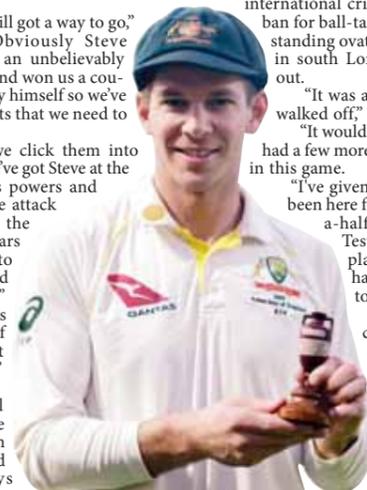
The former captain, who returned to international cricket in June after a ban for ball-tampering, received a standing ovation from the crowd in south London when he was out.

"It was a nice reception as I walked off," he said.

"It would have been nice if I'd had a few more runs under my belt in this game."

"I've given it my all since I've been here for the last four-and-a-half-months in every Test match that we've played and I didn't have much left to give today."

"I'm pretty cooked to be honest, mentally and physically. I'm looking forward to a nice couple of weeks' rest now before getting into the Australian summer."



AP



Kuldeep Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal chats during practice session

'Too early to look beyond Kuldeep, Chahal'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Kuldeep Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal — the famed 'KulCha' of Indian cricket — may not be the flavour of the season anymore but experts believe it is too early to write them off in the shortest format ahead of the T20 World Cup next year.

Both Kuldeep and Chahal, who had cemented their place in the two shorter formats with impressive performances over the past 24 months, have not been picked for two straight T20 series, including the ongoing home assignment against South Africa.

Ahead of the opening T20 in Dharamsala, captain Virat Kohli said the team is trying out the likes of Rahul Chahal and Washington Sundar as it is looking to bat deep and post 200 plus totals consistently.

Former India opener Aakash Chopra feels the decision to exclude Kuldeep and Chahal could be a double-edged sword.

"The idea is if you have that much depth in batting you bat a certain way. You can't bat conservatively if you have that kind of depth. That is what England did. They changed the template completely. They focused on batting deep as they wanted to score 400 (in ODIs) and they achieved it many times," Chopra told PTI.

"It looks India is wanting to take the same aggressive approach in T20s and there is nothing wrong in that. Now, they need to start showing the intent of scoring 220 consistently."

"Batting till 8, 9 and 10 is still ambitious (as you don't need them at all in a 20 over game) but if you are trying to score 220 it is fine," he explained.

Chopra felt if the team decides to compromise on its wicket-taking ability, then it to score more.

However, he foresees Chahal making a T20 comeback very soon. Chahal, at the moment, is only part of the ODI team while Kuldeep is part of both the 50-over and Test squads though not a sure starter in the eleven.

"Chahal will be back. Rahul Chahal is more of a bowler and Washington Sundar's batting at number 8 may not be needed anyway," Chopra added.

Kuldeep and Chahal's inclusion has become a talking point just like finger spinners Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja, who where shown the door in the shorter formats following the 2017 Champions Trophy. Jadeja made a comeback but Ashwin couldn't.

Former India spinner Sunil Joshi, who is now a well-known spin coach, welcomed the move to try out youngsters before cautioning against the confusion the situation might create in the mind of the spinners.

"I would suggest that Kuldeep and Chahal should go back to domestic cricket when they are not on national duty. Finger spinner or wrist spinner is not the question here. It is about having the tactics to outclass the batsman besides technique and temperament," Joshi told PTI.

"Let's see how the young spinners do and ample opportunities should be given to them but at the same time if Chahal and Kuldeep are playing only one format it could disturb their rhythm. White ball cricket is all about rhythm."

"The conditions will be different in Australia for the T20 World Cup with the bigger grounds. Overspin will come in handy. All the spinners who are in the hunt should be told about their roles clearly else it might cause confusion in their minds," Joshi added.

Broad got into Warner's head, says Justin Langer

AFP ■ LONDON

Australia's cricket coach Justin Langer said David Warner allowed England pacesman Stuart Broad to "get into his head" during a miserable Ashes series for the opener.

Warner ended with the unwanted record of the fewest runs scored by a Test opener across 10 innings of a series.

Langer plans to persist with the experienced batsman heading into the Australian summer but expressed some doubt that he would fully recover from a dismal Ashes display.

"I've learned over a long period you never write off champion players, it doesn't matter what sport, you never write off champion players," said Langer, whose side retained the urn following the 2-2 draw.

"He had this series, it didn't go to plan, but he's seen how successful he's been and the impact he can have on Australian cricket teams winning, so I'm confident he'll come good."

"Actually, I'm hopeful he comes good. Talking frankly, I thought he let Stuart Broad get into his head and I think he thought way too much about it."

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