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Sh. Manohar Lal
Chief Minister, Haryana

Selja replaces Tanwar for Hooda

To keep Hooda in good humour, Cong makes him Haryana CLP chief

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Seeking to put its house in order in poll-bound Haryana and to retain its tallest leader in the State in the party, the Congress on Wednesday named Kumari Selja its Haryana unit chief in place of Ashok Tanwar, also a Dalit. Former State Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, who was said to be planning to leave the party, was appointed Congress Legislative Party (CLP) leader.

Hooda had been blaming outgoing Haryana Congress chief Ashok Tanwar for the unseemly state of affairs of the party in the State. Tanwar enjoyed the backing of former Congress president Rahul Gandhi and was heading the State unit since 2014.

Tanwar continued to be State chief even after he didn't wholeheartedly take part in the Lok Sabha polls. Hooda recently met Congress chief Sonia Gandhi and held a detailed discussion with her.

The next move of the interim party chief is to replace the party chiefs at Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh and give



Congress leader Kumari Selja being greeted by supporters after she was appointed Haryana Congress president, at her residence in New Delhi on Wednesday

candidates in the State where the Congress was blanked out in the Lok Sabha polls. Hooda recently met Congress chief Sonia Gandhi and held a detailed discussion with her.

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general secretary Priyanka Gandhi the full charge of UP in case Jyotiraditya Scindia is appointed MP Congress chief. The frontrunner to lead UP Congress is Ajay Singh Lallu, considered to have good command at grassroots.

The Congress leadership has been desperately looking to

end factionalism in the party in poll-bound Haryana, where it is seeking to wrest power from the BJP. In the 2014 Assembly polls, the BJP won 47 seats and went on to form its Government. The Congress could only win 15 seats in the 90-member Assembly. The INLD had 19 legislators but the

party has since split into two factions.

Rajya Sabha member Kumari Selja is a former Union Minister and known for being close to Sonia Gandhi. While she takes Ashok Tanwar's place as Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee chief, Hooda will replace CLP leader Kiran Choudhary.

The party's decision to give Hooda the responsibility of leading the election charge follows his August 18 Maha Parivartan Rally in Rohtak when he supported abrogation of Article 370 and accused the Congress of losing "direction".

Asked about Hooda's remarks and the factionalism plaguing the Haryana unit of the party, AICC general secretary in charge of Haryana Ghulam Nabi Azad said a new beginning has been made with the appointments.

Azad, who made the official announcements pertaining to the change of guard in Haryana, said Hooda has been given the responsibility now. If the party had lost direction, he can bring it on the right path, he said.

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23 killed in Gurdaspur firecracker factory blast

Toll likely to rise as many feared trapped under debris

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH/BATALA (GURDASPUR)

Punjab woke up from its siesta on Wednesday as a blast in a firecracker factory in a thickly populated residential area of Batala city in Gurdaspur killed 23 persons and left about 27 injured, crumbling nearby buildings, smashing windowpanes, and even destroying vehicles in its vicinity.

The three-storey structure, in which the firecracker factory was being run, came crashing down to the ground. And many people are feared trapped in the debris. Therefore, the death toll is expected to rise.

As the last report trickled in, the national and the State's disaster response teams (NDRF and SDRF) were carrying out the rescue operations.

Meanwhile, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder



Rescue works underway after a blast in a firecracker factory at Batala in Gurdaspur district of Punjab on Wednesday

Singh has ordered a magisterial probe while also deputing senior Cabinet Minister Tripat Rajinder Singh Bajwa to oversee the operations.

Notably, a magisterial probe was ordered in a similar blast on January 21, 2017, in the same area leaving one dead and three injured. However, the findings of that enquiry are unknown.

As per reports, the blast in the firecracker factory took place around 4 pm. It was so

strong that half a dozen nearby buildings got damaged and the windowpanes of buildings up to a km were shattered. A car and a bike parked nearby were badly damaged.

Senior officials of the district administration and the police, including Batala Deputy Commissioner Vipul Ujwal and Inspector General (Border Range) SPS Parmar, rushed to the spot to take stock of the situation.

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CAPSULE

BJP MP CLAIMS CHINESE INCURSION INTO ANJAW
Itanagar/New Delhi: A BJP MP from Arunachal Pradesh on Wednesday claimed that the Chinese Army intruded into the State's remote Anjaw district and constructed a temporary wooden bridge over a stream last month but the Army said no such incident took place.

AZHAR, SAEED, LAKHVI DECLARED TERRORISTS
New Delhi: Jaish-e-Mohammed chief Masood Azhar, Lashkar-e-Taiba founder Hafiz Saeed, Mumbai terror attack accused Zaki-ur-Rehman-Lakhvi and fugitive mob boss Dawood Ibrahim were on Wednesday declared individual terrorists under a new anti-terror law.

2 PAK INFILTRATORS CAUGHT IN KASHMIR
Srinagar: Two Pakistani nationals associated with the LeT were caught while trying to enter Kashmir, top security officers said on Wednesday. Two videos were played during the Press briefing showing the apprehended Pakistanis confessing to infiltration.

Kartarpur talks inconclusive as Pak insists on \$20/pilgrim

Pak OK's free visa but rejects Indian consular support to yatra

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India-Pakistan talks, held at Attari on Wednesday, on opening up of the Kartarpur corridor ended in a stalemate after Pakistan demanded 20 dollar per pilgrim and also rejected India's request for allowing 10,000 additional pilgrims to visit Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur on special days.

While Indian side strongly objected to Pakistan's stand on these issues, Pakistan also showed inflexibility in allowing Indian consular presence or permitting protocol officials

10,000 on special days, Pakistan side objected by citing the infrastructure constraints.

Joint Secretary with the Ministry of Home Affairs SCL Das said the meeting fell short of finalising the draft agreement on the corridor. Officials said the two sides agreed on visa-free travel of Indian pilgrims to Kartarpur sahib without any restrictions.

Persons of Indian origin holding OCI (Overseas Citizenship of India) card too can visit the gurdwara using the Kartarpur corridor, official sources said. It was also decided that 5,000 pilgrims can visit the shrine every day.

In November 2018, India and Pakistan had agreed to set up the border crossing linking Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur, the final resting place of Sikh faith founder Guru Nanak, to Dera Baba Nanak in Gurdaspur district.

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Regarding allowing of additional pilgrims up to

to travel every day to extend facilitation to pilgrims.

"It seems they came with brief not to conclude the agreement. They wanted to indulge in propaganda, than serious talks," said sources. Due to the inflexible approach of the Pakistani delegation, the Indian side urged them to take political guidance and reconsider positions taken on Wednesday's talks.

Putin backs Modi on 'no outside meddling'

PM explains J&K decision rationale, thanks Russian Prez for supporting India

PTI ■ VLADIVOSTOK

India and Russia are against "outside influence" in the internal matters of any nation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Wednesday after comprehensive talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin aimed at finding new horizons of bilateral cooperation in key areas like defence, space, trade, oil and gas, nuclear energy and maritime connectivity.

Modi, who arrived in Russia on a two-day visit, is the first Indian Prime Minister to visit the Russian Far East Region.

"We both are against outside influence in the internal matters of any nation," Modi said in a joint Press meet with Putin after their delegation-level talks at the India-Russia 20th Annual Summit following a two-hour tete-a-tete on board a ship.

His remarks without naming any country came against the backdrop of tension



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin visit shipyard Zvezda outside the far-eastern Russian port of Vladivostok on Wednesday

between India and Pakistan after New Delhi revoked Jammu & Kashmir's special status. India has categorically told the international commu-

nity that the scrapping of Article 370 was an internal matter and also advised Pakistan to accept the reality. Pakistan is trying to interna-

lialise the Kashmir issue after India's decision.

Russia has backed India's move on J&K, saying that the changes in the status are within the framework of the Indian Constitution.

Briefing the media later, Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale said Prime Minister Narendra Modi explained to President Putin the rationale behind the decision and Russia stands firmly behind India on the issue.

A joint statement issued later said the two sides "underlined the primacy of international law and emphasised their commitment to the purposes and the principles stated in the UN Charter including the inadmissibility of interference in the internal affairs of member states."

The two sides signed 15 agreements/MoUs in areas such as defence, air, and maritime connectivity, energy, natural gas, petroleum and trade.

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Shivakumar remanded in ED custody till Sept 13

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A special court on Wednesday remanded senior Karnataka Congress leader DK Shivakumar, arrested in a money laundering case, in nine-day custody of Enforcement Directorate (ED) till September 13.

Special judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar passed the order after the ED sought 14-day custodial interrogation of the Congress troublemaker claiming that he was evasive and non-cooperative in the probe and there was "phenomenal growth" in his income while he was in important position. Shivakumar was arrested on Tuesday night.

Contesting ED's contentions, Shivakumar's counsel said the Congress leader has



Karnataka Congress leader DK Shivakumar leaves after being produced at Rouse Avenue Court in New Delhi on Wednesday

already been quizzed for 33 hours by the agency and he is not a flight risk.

After the court passed the order, Shivakumar's counsel sought permission that the Congress leader be allowed to make appeal to his supporters,

who have come in large number outside the court premises, to maintain peace. The court denied the permission and asked the investigation officer to ensure that Shivakumar does not do so.

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Tricked by fakes, NIA cop in jail

Constable, pantry staffer arrested for stealing fake notes from vault

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

A constable of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and a pantry staffer were arrested by the Delhi Police for stealing ₹1.5 crore fake Indian currency notes from the vault of the agency's headquarters here.

The duo presumed the counterfeit currencies to be genuine ones, an official said on Wednesday, adding that the fake notes kept in the vault were seized by the NIA while probing a case in Gurugram in May.

The Delhi Police arrested the two last week and registered a case against them.



"An exhibit containing fake currency was stolen from NIA Malkhana last week by one constable and a pantry staff. The stolen notes were recovered soon thereafter.

Appropriate legal action was taken in the matter," a senior NIA official said.

In another case, the Union Home Ministry is seized of the matter that comes close on the

Hong Kong bows down to protests, withdraws hated Extradition Bill

AFP ■ HONG KONG

Hong Kong on Wednesday bowed to a key demand of pro-democracy protesters following three months of unrest, announcing the withdrawal of a loathed extradition bill, but activists vowed to press on with their campaign.

Millions of Hong Kongers have taken to streets in the biggest challenge to China's rule over semi-autonomous Hong Kong since its handover by the UK in 1997.

After refusing for months to withdraw the bill, which aimed to extradite criminal suspects to mainland China, chief executive Carrie Lam finally conceded as she called for an end to violent protests.

Detailed report on P12

9 hrs ordeal: Woman help stripped in police station

SHO, 3 POLICEMEN OF DLF PHASE-1 SHIFTED; WOMAN ALLEGES BEATING

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

In a shocking incident, a North-Eastern woman was assaulted by DLF phase-1 Station House Officer (SHO) and three other policemen for around nine hours inside the police station on Tuesday night in connection with a theft case. The victim alleged that the police officials had taken her to a room in the police station and removed her clothes and severely assaulted her fragile limbs. It is alleged that the lower back was hit so badly that the skin had peeled off. The incident came to the fore only after the people of the Northeast community protested against the policemen. The woman was trashed so badly that she was not even able to walk. Taking suo motu action in the case, the Commissioner of

Police Mohammad Akil, on Wednesday sent the four policemen to the police lines, including the DLF Phase-1, SHO. According to the information, a 30-year-old woman originally from Assam was working as a domestic help in a house located in DLF Phase-1, H block. On July 31, a theft occurred in the house, in which the owner of the house suspected the two women, including the female domestic help. DLF Phase-1 Police registered a case against the woman and called the suspect to the police station for questioning at 9 am on Tuesday morning. Around 9 pm, she called her husband and went to him at that time the cops told him to bring the woman back on the next day. At that time the woman was not even in walking condition. Somehow he brought her to their room. On being informed about

the pressure to appear in the police station on Wednesday morning, the northeast organisations associated with Delhi and the surrounding regions reached the DLF Phase-1 police station. They protested against the police officials and urged them to take action against the accused policemen. After meeting them for about five hours, ACP Sadar, Aman Yadav assured action against the culprits. Later the ACP sent the report to top officials. Later in the evening, Commissioner of Police Mohammad Akil said that negligence was committed by the policemen in the investigation of the theft case. "DLF Phase-1 Police Station Inspector Savit Kumar, Women ASI Madhubala, Head Constable Anil and Women Constable Kavita have been sent to police lines. A departmental inquiry has been started against the four, in which action will be taken against those found guilty, and a fresh investigation will be conducted from the new station In-charge in the case of theft," Akil said.

Gym trainer calls father abusive, shoots him; held

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A 27-year-old gym trainer was arrested in Dwarka's Jaffarpur Kalan for allegedly killing his father, who he claimed often hurled abuses at him, police said on Wednesday. The accused was identified as Amit Kumar, a resident of Khara Dabur Village, they said. On August 27, one Ashok Kumar (52) was shot dead in Khara Dabur village. During enquiry, it was found that Ashok Kumar's son had shot him over domestic issues at 1.40 pm, a senior police officer said. "During investigation, police got a tip-off on Tuesday that Amit would come to his village to meet someone, following which a trap was laid on the main Surheda Road and the accused was arrested at 9.15 pm when he came there on a bike," said Anto Alphonse, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Dwarka). Interrogation revealed that

Amit's father, a mason, had lost his right hand few years back in an accident and stopped working. Amit had been working as freelance bouncer and was permanently engaged as a trainer in a local gym. He claimed that his father was very abusive, even in front of his children and women of family. On August 27, Ashok confronted his son over some domestic issue but when he did not pay any heed, he started abusing Amit and his minor daughters, the DCP said. Meanwhile, Amit took out a pistol and shot his father when he was playing cards with his friends in the neighbourhood and fled to Haryana, police said. Amit was planning to meet a friend in his village to arrange money so that he could flee to Nepal, police said, adding that one pistol, 14 live cartridges and one bike were recovered from his possession.

Cabbies given 7K pocket cards to pass on flights info

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

For air travellers' convenience, Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) has issued 7,000 pocket cards with flights information available to taxi drivers to convey about the operations of certain flights. Notably, SpiceJet and IndiGo will shift their flight operations partially from the intervening night of September 4-5. While airlines are conveying changes to passengers via emails and SMS, DIAL is taking care of airside area with the placement of bilingual directional and informative signage at the strategic location. Elaborating about preparations, DIAL official told *The Pioneer* the installation of MTV screens will display all flight operations. "We have trained our staff. The staff will be deployed and tell passengers about terminals corresponding to flights." There will be shuttle services for the passengers in need.



Indigo would shift a portion of its operations from T2 to T3, SpiceJet would shift all of its domestic flights, operating from T2, to T3. Post the shift, the SpiceJet flights- SG 8000 to SG

8999 and IndiGo flights -6E 5000 to 6E 5999 - would operate out of T3. IndiGo flights - 6E 2000 to 6E 2999 - will operate from T2. At present, a total of 184 flights operate from Terminal 3. With the proposed shifting the number of flight at T3 will go up to 240, which include 24 IndiGo and 32 SpiceJet flights. This move will result into the reduction of passenger load at T2 by up to 27 pc, which will enable the airport operator to enhance the passenger capacity of T2. "Post completion of capacity enhancement of T2, the terminal will be able to handle 18 million passengers per annum (MPPA), up from current 15 MPPA. This will further enhance the passenger comfort and experience," DIAL said.

Cong workers protest against Shivakumar's arrest; detained

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police on Wednesday prevented and detained scores of Youth Congress workers following a scuffle with police personnel during a protest against the arrest of the former Karnataka leader DK Shivakumar. The protesters burnt effigies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah outside the Indian Youth Congress' office and raised slogans. While police barricaded the road leading to Parliament, a number of protesters tried to break through and jostled with police personnel. A senior police official, however, said 66 protesters have been detained but there was no use of force against them. "A number of protesters were detained, forced into two

buses and taken to Parliament Street and Mandir Marg police stations," Youth Congress media in-charge Amrith Ranjan Pandey said. He claimed that some of the protesters were injured in police lathicharge and were hospitalised. Youth Congress President, Srinivas BV, said, "The BJP Government is targeting Opposition leaders to divert attention from real issues of unemployment and economic downturn." Srinivas, who met Shivakumar at Ram Manohar Lohia hospital here on Tuesday night, said the Karnataka Congress leader's health has "deteriorated due to the harassment he was subjected to over the last few days". The court should take cognisance of Shivakumar's health, he said. "First Chidambaram and



Youth Congress members clash with the security personnel during a protest against the arrest of Karnataka Congress leader DK Shivakumar by Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials, at Raisina Road in New Delhi

now Shivakumar. Arrests are being made without proper investigation and proper evidence. The BJP is indulging in vendetta politics," Srinivas alleged.

4 held for smuggling ₹6 cr micro-SD cards at IGIA

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Alert Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) nabbed four passengers for allegedly trying to smuggle in about a lakh micro-SD cards worth a few crores without paying customs duty. The passengers identified as Abhishek, BB Ranpariya, Bhadesh D Ranpariya and Suresh Jaiswal — arrived at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) from Hong Kong on Tuesday night and were on way to board a flight to Mumbai. "The micro-SD card cache, used in mobile phones and other electronic gadgets to store photos and videos, is estimated to be worth anywhere between ₹3 to 6 crores," an official said.



Ranpariya was intercepted by the CISF personnel for carrying a huge consignment of micro-SD cards in his bag and Customs authorities were intimated, the official said. During verification, the passenger told the Customs officials that he will declare the cards cache at the Mumbai Customs, and he was allowed to leave after an intimation was made by officials to their counterparts in Mumbai.

However, a CISF personnel of the intelligence wing later found that the passenger had changed his clothes and shoes, handed over the cards to two others and was seeking assistance of the airlines to abort his Mumbai journey. The two other passengers, understood to be his friends, were also seeking to abort the Mumbai leg of their travel and exit from the airport here. However, before they could do this, CISF personnel nabbed them and handed them over to the Customs officials. The trio was possibly trying to evade the customs duty on micro-SD imported cards at Mumbai and hence decided to give a slip to their scheduled travel plan, the official said. The Customs officials are probing the case further, he said.

ACB wants to probe DTC marshal hiring allegation

GAYATHRI MANI ■ NEW DELHI

The Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB) has written a letter to the Chief Secretary of Delhi (CS) Vijay Dev requesting permission to investigate allegations regarding hiring Civil Defense Marshals that involves District Magistrate (Shahdra) Kuldeep Pakad and Divisional Commissioner Rajeev Verma for making illegal domicile (Delhi) certificates of around 400 candidates from Rajasthan. The ACB has received complaints from the public and also from Leader of Opposition (LOP) Vijender Gupta that there is a scam in appointing marshals for Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) and Cluster buses. Pakad, an IAS officer was also transferred from the post of DM, Shahdra on Tuesday by Lieutenant Governor Anil Bajjal for allegedly creating and issuing forged domicile

certificates' to about 400 people from Rajasthan to help them get jobs as a Civil Defense marshals in the DTC and Cluster buses. As per sources, Pakad has been appointed as Special Secretary in the Department of Delhi Urban Development. According to the rules of DTC and Delhi Government, only those having domicile status of the national Capital can apply for the post of Civil Defense Volunteers (CDV) as marshals in DTC and Cluster buses. A person from Delhi's Karol Bagh area submitted a complaint to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Arvind Kejrwal about the alleged scam. "The ACB has received a complaint from the Delhi



Member of Legislative (MLA) and LoP Vijendar Gupta on the matter of alleged Civil Defense Volunteers scam. The plaintiff involved the name of IAS officer Kuldeep Pakad and Divisional Commissioner Rajeev Verma. Thus under the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 (Section 17A), the permission of CS is required to proceed the investigation," said the ACB in the letter. The letter further says that as per the complaint, Pakad

tried to appoint 400 people from Rajasthan as CDVs in DTC and Cluster buses as marshals by changing their address in Adhar Card to show them as the residents of Delhi. It has also been alleged that the officer issued fake certificates and provided training even before the appointment. "The scam involves senior leaders, IAS Officers and has wide ramifications outside Delhi and would require investigation needing cooperation from these States. Therefore an in depth investigation by CBI is required into the matter to bring all the culprits in public. It has also been reported that a bribery amount of ₹2 Lakh has been taken from each candidate," alleged Vijendar Gupta.

NDMC claims only 3 cases of dengue this yr

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) claimed to have brought the number of vector borne diseases down drastically in its areas with sustained efforts of health department of the civic agency. NDMC Secretary Rashmi Singh said that as per the comparative report of three years on vector borne diseases, only three cases of dengue are registered this year are considerably less than the previous two years wherein figures were 61 in 2017 and 9 in 2018. As per data available with the civic body, the number of challans and notices issued for mosquito breeding has also seen a downwards trend since 2017. "The civic body reported 41 cases of malaria in NDMC areas in 2017, the number of cases in 2018 and 2019 are 31

and 24, respectively. Similarly, the number of dengue cases in three years were 61, 9 and 3 while the Chikungunya figures were at 3, 0 and 1, respectively," Singh said. Data available reflects the number of cases recorded till August 31 in three years. While the civic body had issued 2,979 notices for mosquito breeding in 2017, 2,241 and 2,203 notices were issued in the subsequent years. Among those who were issued notices this year, were Paryavaran Bhawan, Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan Lady Hardinge Hospital, besides Government offices, hospitals and schools after mosquitoes were found breeding in their premises. Outlining the details of the efforts undertaken by the health department of the civic body, she said that in order to sensitise the inhabitants of New Delhi area in respect of prevention and control of vec-



tor borne diseases, sustained awareness campaigns had been launched in schools, colleges, markets, residential complexes, hospitals, private and Government buildings and public areas as well. The number of challans issued in 2017 was 291, 69 challans have been issued this year, she said. "Over 1,000 of them were found positive in being a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Fogging was done in over 22,000 buildings," she said.



Suchana Patnaik, president, PFWS inaugurates 'Swayam', an exclusive outlet for showcasing and sale of handmade products made by police families at Baba Kharag Singh Marg, Opposite Khadi Emporium. Dr Ramesh Singh, Secretary NDMC, Nuzhat Hassan, Spl CP/ Women Safety, senior officers of Delhi, Police and NDMC also seen

Cycle walk corridor mooted to cut air pollution

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In a bid to reduce air pollution by taking off millions of vehicle from the road of national Capital, the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has decided to execute the "Delhi Cycle walk" project to areas and corridors connecting forest areas and densely populated areas such as Tuglaqabad, Greater Kailash (GK), Nehru Place, Delhi Secretariat. In the phase I these 33km long corridors will be provided tracks for walking and cycling. The main objective behind this project is to reduce and allow people to walk and cycle safely especially on a pedestrian safe walk ability area. A meeting was also held on Wednesday by the Lieutenant



Governor Anil Bajjal and DDA to implement the project with proper planning. Bajjal asked DDA brass to

save money on the last mile commute which currently is the most expensive per km charge of the journey," said a DDA official. Both the walking and cycling track will be inter-linked on grade and elevated tracks which will cover with saplings and plants. "At a few places where Master plan greens do not about residential origination points or destination points, and to connect the broken fabric, elevated tracks will be planned alongside master plan roads. No trees would be disturbed and the track would meander around the existing trees. It will provide a last mile connectivity for the commuters," said the official. ment the project soon for the safety and security of pedestrians. According to the project plan, this walk-ability corridor will be connected to major points such as ring road, metro stations, bus stands, high density residential areas, business districts, industrial districts, recreational districts, educational districts, master plan greens and other important areas. With this plan, the DDA is aiming to make the city connected to forests and lakes. "It will be a safer and greener alternative to mobility that would reduce the vehicular load of the city, provide last mile connectivity, and connect residential areas with metro stations and bus stands. It would also allow citizens to have discussion with the help of field experts, Archeological Survey of India (ASI) and Forest Department to imple-

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Public Notice

Revised list of artificial ponds for Green Idol Immersion on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi & Durga Pooja 2019

S. No.	District	Sub-Division	Name and address of artificial ponds with land marks
1.	East	Mayur Vihar	Buddha Park near H.No.-9, Pocket-1, Mayur vihar, Phase-1.
2.	East	Mayur Vihar	Rajesh pilot Park, B-block, kondli, Dairy Farm
3.	East	Mayur Vihar	Behind Red Fox Hotel, Mayur Vihar Phase III
4.	East	Mayur Vihar	MIG Complex, Near Durga Mata Mandir Kondli
5.	East	Mayur Vihar	Chhat Park, Sanlan Shiv Mandir A-2 Park Mayur Vihar, Ph-III.
6.	East	Mayur Vihar	Chhat Pooja Ghat Park, New Kondli
7.	East	Mayur Vihar	Opposite Neelam Mata Mandir.
8.	East	Mayur Vihar	36 Block Triokpuri, DDA Land
9.	East	Preet Vihar	Children's IP Ext. West Vinod Nagar
10.	East	Preet Vihar	Behind Park Inn Hotel DDA District Center, Mandawali
11.	East	Preet Vihar	Dr. Rajender Prasad Park, Shanti Marg, Delhi
12.	East	Preet Vihar	Chander Vihar, Between Street No. 4 & 5, Madhu Vihar
13.	East	Preet Vihar	Natural Pond in front of Kala Niketan Public School
14.	East	Gandhi Nagar	Vacant Site Between Mayur Dhvaj Apartment And Indian Oil Petrol Pump, Geeta Colony
15.	North	Model Town	DDA, Park, Jahangir Puri
16.	North	Model Town	Chhat Ghat Near SR Office Bhalswa
17.	North	Model Town	Open land at 50 Foot Road, Shah Alam Band Marg
18.	North	Alipur	Adarsh Senior Secondary School. Samaypur
19.	North	Alipur	Gali NO. 15, Swaroop Nagar, Delhi
20.	North	Narela	Chhat Ghat, JJ Colony, Bawana
21.	North	Narela	Chhat Ghat, Pehlampur Banger
22.	North	Narela	Chhat Ghat, Pkt-1, Sec-A-10, Narela
23.	New Delhi	Chanakya Puri	NDMC Park, Opp. Laxmi Narayan Mandir, Kalibari Marg, and Mark: Birla Mandir.
24.	New Delhi	Chanakya Puri	Raja Bazar Park, Opp. Union Academy Sr. Sec. School, Land Mark: Union Academy Sr. Sec. School.
25.	New Delhi	Delhi Cantt.	Krishni Kunj Ground, Near Inderpuri, Loha Mandi
26.	New Delhi	Delhi Cantt.	Ram Leela Ground At Delhi Cantt., Sadar Bazar, Near Gurudwara
27.	New Delhi	Vasant Vihar	C.P.W.D., Central Park, Sec-12 R.K. Puram, New Delhi
28.	New Delhi	Vasant Vihar	DDA Community Centre Park, Near Vasant Lok Market, Vasant Vihar
29.	New Delhi	Vasant Vihar	DDA Park, Sec-06, 12 Near Hotel Hayat, R.K. Puram
30.	New Delhi	Vasant Vihar	CPWD Park Sec-01, R. K. Puram, Offsite Mohan Singh Market, New Delhi
31.	New Delhi	Vasant Vihar	MCD Park, Adarsh Basti, Mohammad Pur Village, New Delhi
32.	New Delhi	Vasant Vihar	SDMC Park, Vasant Kunj, Near GD Goenka School, Sec-12, Near CNG Pump
33.	New Delhi	Vasant Vihar	NDMC Subhash Park, Netaji Nagar, New Delhi
34.	Central	Kolwali	Gopal Maik Park, Opposite Shastri Nagar, Delhi
35.	Central	Civil Lines	Nirankari Ground near Nirankari Sarovar Bhawan, Burari, Delhi (Site-A)
36.	Central	Civil Lines	Nirankari Ground near Nirankari Sarovar Bhawan, Burari, Delhi (Site-B)
37.	Central	Civil Lines	Nirankari Ground near Nirankari Sarovar Bhawan, Burari, Delhi (Site-C)
38.	Central	Civil Lines	Sunil Colony, Burari, Delhi
39.	Central	Civil Lines	Shakti Enclave, Burari, Delhi
40.	Central	Civil Lines	Yamuna Pusta Thokar No. 02, Hanuman Mandir near Baba Colony, Burari, Delhi
41.	South-East	Defence Colony	Aastha Kunj Park, Near Iskon Temple, East of Kailash, New Delhi
42.	South-East	Defence Colony	Near Barapulla Nalla, Bangali Camp, Opp. Jain Mandir
43.	South-East	Santa Vihar	Adjacent to Shiv Ghat, Opposite Jaitpur PS Old
44.	South-East	Santa Vihar	Khadda Colony, Jaitpur NTPC Open Ground Jaitpur
45.	South-East	Santa Vihar	Khadda Tajpur Village, Santa Vihar
46.	South-East	Kalka Ji	DDA Flats, J-3, Park, (Kalka Ji)
47.	South-East	Kalka Ji	Sewa Singh Park, Opp. Govind Puri Police Station
48.	West	Patel Nagar	Rameela Park, Prem Nagar, Patel Nagar
49.	West	Patel Nagar	B-58, Rama Road Circle
50.	West	Patel Nagar	H-Block, MCD park, Karmapura
51.	West	Patel Nagar	NW-143B, Vishu Garden, Chowkhandi, New Delhi
52.	West	Rajouri Garden	A-1/37, Jawahar park, Kirti Nagar, Delhi
53.	West	Rajouri Garden	Furniture Block (Timber Market), Kirti Nagar, Delhi
54.	West	Rajouri Garden	Pilli Kolhi, Hari Nagar, Delhi
55.	West	Rajouri Garden	DMS Colony, Hari Nagar, Delhi
56.	West	Rajouri Garden	Jheel wala Park, Fateh Nagar, Delhi
57.	West	Punjabi Bagh	Jheel Park, Madipur, Delhi
58.	West	Punjabi Bagh	Nihal Vihar Pul, Near Fire Station, Nihal Vihar, Delhi
59.	West	Punjabi Bagh	Talab Park, Budh Bazar, Kunwar Singh Nagar, Delhi
60.	West	Punjabi Bagh	Brahmpuri Ranhola (Gram Sabha Land/Delhi Govt.)
61.	West	Punjabi Bagh	I & FC land near Nallah, Oppo. C-Block, Harphool Nagar Vihar, Nangli Vihar Extn. Baprol, Delhi
62.	West	Punjabi Bagh	Land in MPCC Building, Opp. Talab in Bakkarwala Kh. No. 83
63.	West	Punjabi Bagh	Land near Talab, Village Kamruddin Nagar, Village Kh. No. 38/1/2
64.	West	Punjabi Bagh	DDA land Opp. Talab, Village Mundka No. 142
65.	West	Rajouri Garden	G. S. Land in Community Center, Near Talab, Village Hiran Kudna Near Shiv Mandir, Kh. No. 134
66.	West	Rajouri Garden	PWD land in Baba Haridass colony, Tikri Kalan Near Metro Station, Tikri Border.
67.	North-East	Karawal Nagar	Park Near T. B Hospital, Karawal Nagar
68.	North-East	Seelampur	Shastri park, Opp. Northern Engineering College
69.	North-East	Yamuna Vihar	Chhath Ghat at Bhagirathi Vihar
70.	North-East	Yamuna Vihar	Ambedkar Park, Gokalpur
71.	North-East	Yamuna Vihar	Vacant DDA land near Le-Diamond Banquet Hall
72.	North-East	Yamuna Vihar	Opp. Water Treatment Plant, Bhagirathi Vihar
73.	Shahdara	Seemapuri	Deer park, Dilshad Garden, Oppo Mukherjee Public School
74.	Shahdara	Seemapuri	Road No. 89, District park, Khel Parisar, Tahirpur Village
75.	Shahdara	Seemapuri	Kusth Ashram, Tahipur, Delhi
76.	Shahdara	Vivek Vihar	Central park, CBD Ground, Shahdara
77.	Shahdara	Vivek Vihar	Krishna Market park, Jhimil Colony, Delhi
78.	Shahdara	Shahdara	Babarpur Johar
79.	North-West	Kanjahwala	Lekhrum Chowk Hanuman Mandir, Jain Nagar, Karala, Near Dry Canal
80.	North-West	Kanjahwala	Shiv Shakti Mandir, J-Block, Shiv Vihar, Mohammad Pur Majri
81.	North-West	Kanjahwala	Ghehra Village, RWA Pond Ghehra
82.	North-West	Kanjahwala	Pond in Jyoti Colony, Jauntli Village
83.	North-West	Kanjahwala	Durga Enclave Punjab Khod
84.	North-West	Rohini	Chhat Pooja Ghat, Gadhe Wala Park (in DDA Park) Opp. Sec-20, Rohini
85.	North-West	Rohini	Chhat Pooja Ghat at Inder Enclave Part-2, Prem Nagar-III, Kirari
86.	North-West	Rohini	MLA Ground, Prem Nagar Part-III, Kirari
87.	North-West	Rohini	DDA Park Laxmi Nagar, Prem Nagar-III, Kirari
88.	North-West	Rohini	A-245 Inder Enclave, Mubarakpur Road, Kirari
89.	North-West	Rohini	P-4/607 Sultanpuri
90.	North-West	Rohini	Babu Park, Mangolpuri
91.	North-West	Rohini	Hind Vihar, Prem Nagar-III, Kirari
92.	North-West	Saraswati Vihar	Ashok Vihar, New Delhi
93.	North-West	Saraswati Vihar	Halderpur, Shalimar Bagh
94.	North-West	Saraswati Vihar	PU Block, Uttam Pitampur, Pitampura, Delhi
95.	South-West		Middle of Koli Basti, near the drain behind Uttam nagar Terminal (DDA land)
96.	South-West		MP Green Field, Village Hastsal
97.	South-West		Dushera park, b Block, Janakpuri in front of Maharaja Suraj Mal College
98.	South-West		Durga park, West Sagarpur, Nasirpur (DDA land)
99.	South-West		DDA land in south of Sector 12 and 13 metro line
100.	South-West		Vacant land near DDA Sport Complex in Sec-11 Dwarka
101.	South-West		M. C. Primary School Near Rabia Mor, Jaffarpur Kalan
102.	South-West		I & FC, Land near the drain besides the Vipin Garden
103.	South-West		Land near Nala Road in Sector 23, Dwarka
104.	South-West		DDA Vacant land at Sec-1, Dwarka in front of Mata mandir
105.	South-West		Kh. No. 109 & 200, Existing at Dinpur Goyla Road.
106.	South-West		KH. No. 338 (5-6) Village Deen pur
107.	South-West		Satyam Puram, Jharoda Kalan Najalgarh
108.	South	Hauz Khas	Sector-4, Pushp Vihar, Double Story Colony, Near Mother Dairy, New Delhi
109.	South	Hauz Khas	Southern Enclave DDA Flats, Near Ambedkar Nagar Police Station
110.	South	Hauz Khas	Dussera Ground, Chirag Delhi
111.	South	Hauz Khas	DDA park, Begumpur, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi
112.	South	Saket	Freedom Fighter, Chhat Ghat
113.	South	Saket	Near Ashitani Mandir, Devi
114.	South	Mehrauli	Aya Nagar, Kh. No. 1575
115.	South	Mehrauli	Jonapur Water Body Kh. No. 194
116.	South	Mehrauli	DDA Park, Chhat Ghat, Kishangarhi

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TANKER SEIZED BY IRAN

7 Indians to be released

Stockholm: The owner of the British-flagged Stena Impero oil tanker held in the Persian Gulf by Iran says he was told by the Iranian authorities that seven of the 23-member crew will be released.

Erik Hanell, CEO of the Swedish shipping group Stena Bulk that owns the ship, says it wasn't immediately clear when they would be freed.

His confirmation came shortly after Iran's Foreign Ministry said on Wednesday that seven crew members, all of whom are Indians, would be freed. Hanell said, "Their ordeal may soon be over, and they may return to their families, however, we cautiously await official confirmation of their release date." He said it was "a positive step on the way to the release of all the remaining crew, which has always been our primary concern and focus."

The remaining 16 crew members are to stay onboard

the vessel. Earlier, Iran's foreign ministry said the country will release seven crew members of the seized British-flagged Stena Impero oil tanker held in the Persian Gulf.

Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi told state TV on Wednesday that judicial procedure on the oil tanker is ongoing and that under Iran's "humane policy," the captain of the ship has been asked to let some of the crew members return to their country.

Mousavi said the captain decided seven crew members who are Indian nationals would be the ones to leave. Iran seized the tanker on July, saying it violated Iranian laws, after authorities in the British territory of Gibraltar seized an Iranian tanker said to be carrying fuel to Syria in violation of EU sanctions on oil sales to the government in Damascus. The Iranian vessel was released earlier this month. **AP**

Selja replaces...

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The next immediate change where the party is ridden with acute factionalism is Madhya Pradesh. Congress general secretary Jyotiraditya Scindia, who has expressed his uneasiness with the leadership on many occasions in recent times, said party chief Sonia Gandhi would decide on the next Madhya Pradesh unit president.

His statement comes at a time when there is speculation among political circles that Scindia might look for options outside the Congress if he is not made head of the MP unit.

AICC sources said Scindia has the backing of enough MLAs and Ministers to create trouble for the Kamal Nath Government whose has a wafer-thin majority in the 230-member House. Scindia had

lost the Chief Minister's race to Nath narrowly after the Congress came to power in the State in December last year.

The other impending change is in the crucial State of Uttar Pradesh where the leadership suggested for a complete overhaul of the State unit.

In a report prepared by her close aides, she has advised to make it mandatory to have at least one woman office-bearer in the organisation from block level to district and PCC level.

The Congress last week made changes in poll bound Jharkhand by appointing a new president and other office-bearers after rift between former Union Minister Subodh Kant Sahay and Ajoy Kumar. Kumar resigned last month paving the way for Rameshwar Oraon's appointment as State president.

Putin backs...

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"Today's talks with President Putin were aimed at finding new horizons of India-Russia cooperation. This includes opportunities in trade, security, maritime cooperation and working together to protect the environment," Modi said.

He said a proposal has been made to have a full fledged maritime route between Chennai and Vladivostok.

The statement said the two leaders "agreed to facilitate, in all possible ways, exploring the impressive potential of our strategic partnership to the full, demonstrating its special and privileged nature which has emerged as an anchor of stability in a complex international situation."

The two sides "prioritise strong, multifaceted trade and economic cooperation as the

foundation for further expanding the range of India-Russia relations," it added.

The two leaders decided to take the bilateral trade from the current USD 11 billion to USD 30 billion by 2025. The two sides noted the pace of progress achieved in the construction of the remaining four of the six nuclear power plants at Kudankulam. Modi said Russia will help train Indian astronauts for the manned space mission --- Gaganyaan.

Noting that close cooperation in military-technical fields is a pillar of Indo-Russia Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership, the statement said the two sides vowed to upgrade their defence cooperation, including by fostering joint development and production of military equipment, components and spare parts.

They shared the view that "implementation in good faith of universally recognised principles and rules of international

NSUI banks on Prashant to open account in JNU

HIMANSHU RAWAT ■
NEW DELHI

JNU dominated by various shades of Left politics since its inception has in recent years seen the Left-Right binary with RSS students' wing ABVP making inroads. At this crucial juncture, the Congress' student wing National Students' Union of India (NSUI) is trying to gain foothold in the campus politics. The NSUI candidate for JNUSU president race, Prashant Kumar, a PhD scholar at Centre for Philosophy of School of Social Sciences, has made his poll planks the problems faced by non-English medium students, exorbitant fee structures for newly introduced courses and lack of hostel accommodation.

"I'm fighting the JNUSU polls on the plank of pro-student plank. I myself come from a Hindi-medium background and I know the impediments that students are facing when they enter JNU. There is no provision in the varsity to equip those students at par with the English-medium students," he said.

On exorbitant fee structure in the newly introduced subjects like engineering, he said, "The fee structure of these subjects are so high that students from economically weaker sections can't afford. JNU is known for its low fees and



world class education system but the administration is hell bent destroying the premier institution."

"There is no proper system of accommodation of in the university. The newly-inducted students had to stay at the claustrophobic dormitories. There are no facilities for the students to have hygiene foods either," he said.

On a political scenario prevailing in the country, he said the incumbent BJP Government has given a bad name to our campus. The students, who are raising questions, have labelled us anti-national. He also raised questions on the abrogation of Article 370 and said, "The BJP Government has tried to manipulate with our Constitution which has been prepared by Baba Saheb Ambedkar and Jawaharlal Nehru," he said.

Kartarpur talks inconclusive...

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Kartarpur is located in Pakistan's Narowal district across the Ravi river, about four kilometres from Dera Baba Nanak.

Both sides agreed to build a bridge at Budhi Ravi channel. Pending the construction of the bridge on the Pakistani side, both sides agreed on the cross-point coordinates of the temporary service road, sources said. Pakistani delegation leader Mohammad Faisal said before the meeting that Islamabad was positive about the outcome of this third round of talks on the

corridor.

"We are hopeful to give a final shape to the draft agreement of Kartarpur corridor in today's talks with India," Faisal, who is Pakistan Foreign Office spokesperson and Director General of South Asia and SAARC, told reporters at the Pakistani side of the border.

This was the second meeting on the Kartarpur corridor after New Delhi revoked Jammu and Kashmir's special status, triggering fresh tension between the two neighbours. Technical experts from the two countries met on August 30. The two sides plan to open the corridor by November when the year-long celebrations to mark the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev begin.

Shivakumar remanded...

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However, it allowed Shivakumar to meet his family members in the courtroom itself.

In September 2018, the agency had registered a case against Shivakumar under Prevention of Money Laundering Act. Haumanthaiah, an employee at Karnataka Bhavan in the national Capital and others were also booked by ED in the case.

Meanwhile, several Youth Congress workers were detained following a scuffle with police personnel during a protest against the arrest of Shivakumar. The protesters raised slogans against the Government and burnt effigies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah outside the Indian Youth Congress' office in Central Delhi.

While police barricaded the road leading to Parliament, a number of protesters tried to break through and jostled with police personnel.

"A number of protesters were detained, forced into two buses and taken to Parliament Street and Mandir Marg police stations," Youth Congress media in-charge Amrith Ranjan Pandey said. He claimed that some of the protesters were injured in police lathicharge and were hospitalised. A senior police official, however, said 66 protesters have been detained but there was no use of force against them.

Youth Congress president, Srinivas BV, said, "The BJP Government is targeting Opposition leaders to divert attention from real issues of unemployment and economic downturn."

Srinivas, who met Shivakumar at Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital here on Tuesday night, said the Karnataka Congress leader's health has "deteriorated due to the harassment he was subjected to in the last few days."

"First Chidambaram and now Shivakumar. Arrests are being made without proper investigation and proper evidence. The BJP is indulging in vendetta politics," Srinivas alleged.

implementing our bilateral programme on military and technical cooperation up to 2020. We are working to update it to extend to another 10 years."

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client, Devi Parmajet W/o Late Sh. Kishan Kumar Sharma, R/o House No. C-4, Sarabh Vihar, Main Road in front of Chauhan Mandir, Jaitpur, New Delhi-110044 vide this public notice disown her son Harjeet Singh, That Harjeet Singh shall not inherit any of my client's movable and immovable property and shall not entitled to the grant of probate to her will. Anybody transacting any business with Harjeet Singh with respect to my client Devi Parmajet is doing it on his/her own risk, general public take note.
Anshu Kumar Yadav, Advocate
Ch. No. 720, Rohini Court, Delhi

Public Notice
I, No-1040137 SWR Driver Ishwar Singh S/o Late Sh. Lal Chand, R/o 426, Mitraon Village, South West, New Delhi-110043, Declare that my wife Santosh D/o Bhagat R/o Village Badwasahi Sonipat (Haryana) DOB 19/11/1963 has been written wrongly in my service record.
The Correct DOB of my wife Santosh is 19/11/1953 for all future purposes.

THE PIONEER CLASSIFIEDS

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Aarti W/o Sh Manoj Kumar, R/o T-338, Baljit Nagar, Near S-Block School, West Patel Nagar, New Delhi hereby declare that my actual name is Aarti but in my academic documents mentioned as Arti Sood, Aarti and Arti Sood are one and the same person. **PD(8616)C**

I, Manoj Kumar S/o Late Ran Singh, R/o T-338, Baljit Nagar, Near S-Block School, West Patel Nagar, New Delhi hereby declare that my actual name is Manoj Kumar but in my academic documents mentioned as Manoj Kumar Sood, both names are of one and the same person. **PD(8617)C**

I, Santosh Gupta S/o Sh. Jagdamba Prasad Gupta R/o C-122, New Ashok Nagar Delhi-96, my daughter Nandani Gupta studying in Class- IXth her mother's name is Divya Gupta. **PD(8618)A**

23 killed in Gurdaspur firecracker...

"Rescue operations are underway and so far we have recovered 19 dead bodies," said Ujjwal, adding that the reason for the blast is still unknown.

Several fire engines were pressed into service at the spot carrying out rescue work to bring the situation under the control.

A series of blasts were heard that, at one point of time, has caused panic among the locals. It was only later that the reason for the loud blasts was known.

The blast took place a day ahead of the 522nd marriage anniversary celebrations of Guru Nanak Dev, known as 'Babe Da Viah'. Festivities are held in the city every year.

The news agency IANS has quoted an official saying that the firecracker manufacturing unit was unauthorised and being run in a densely-populated residential area in Gurdaspur district.

The official said the locals complained that the firecracker unit was running illegally for the past many years. It was manufacturing and storing crackers for a 'nagar kirtan' - a religious procession relating to the birth anniversary celebrations of

Sikhism founder Guru Nanak Dev - slated to reach the town late Wednesday evening.

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder took to Twitter and expressed anguish over the incident. "Deeply anguished to learn about the loss of lives due to the blast in the firecracker factory in Batala. Rescue operations are underway with the DC & SSP heading the relief efforts," tweeted Capt Amarinder.

The State Revenue and Rehabilitation Minister Gurpreet Singh Kangar also expressed his grief on the incident and loss of lives and assured of Government's immediate action. "It is an unfortunate incident and a thorough probe into the incident will be done," he said.

The Chief Minister has also announced an ex gratia grant of Rs 2 lakh for the kin of the deceased and Rs 50,000 for the seven severely injured, who were referred to Amritsar Medical College. He has announced Rs 25,000 for those with minor injuries.

Capt Amarinder also directed both the Civil and Police administration of Gurdaspur district to extend all possible help to the victims' families in this hour of grief.

He also directed the Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur, to provide the best possible treatment to the injured free of cost, besides asking SSP Batala to supervise the evacuation operations being carried out by the NDRF teams.

The who's who from across the country expressed grief over the tragic incident that took 20 lives while leaving many other injured.

President Ram Nath Kovind tweeted, "Saddened to learn about the loss of lives due to an explosion at a firecracker factory in Batala, Punjab. Condolences to bereaved families impacted by this tragedy and wishing an early recovery to those injured."

Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu also tweeted, "Deeply saddened by the loss of lives in an explosion in a firecracker factory in Gurdaspur, Punjab today. My condolences to the bereaved families and wishes for speedy recovery of the injured."

Gurdaspur MP Sunny Deol too expressed grief over the incident, and tweeted, "Saddened to hear about the news of blast in Batala factory. NDRF teams and local administration have been rushed for

rescue operation."

SAD president Sukhbir Badal expressed his condolences with the bereaved families and expressed hope that those trapped in the rubble of the firecracker factory would be rescued successfully.

Union Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal and SAD MLA Bikram Singh Majithia also expressed condolences to the bereaved families.

Shiromani Akali Dal on Wednesday demanded immediate enforcement of the Supreme Court's directions on all firecracker factories in Punjab.

SAD chief Sukhbir Badal also demanded strict action against the officials guilty of not enforcing safety codes vis-à-vis firecracker factories besides asking the Government to give adequate compensation to the victim families.

Other SAD leaders - Union Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal and former Minister Bikram Majithia - said that the Congress Government should immediately direct all district officials to enforce safety regulations vis-à-vis firecracker factories while ensuring that they do not operate in residential areas.

CONG-BJP SLUGFEST OVER SHIVAKUMAR'S ARREST

BJP practising vendetta politics: Rahul

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As yet another of its leader faces the heat, the Congress on Wednesday hit out at the BJP-led Centre over party leader DK Shivakumar's arrest, asserting it will not be intimidated by the "politics of persecution" and will continue to pose "hard questions" to the Government.

While Congress leader Rahul Gandhi alleged that DK Shivakumar's arrest was another example of "vendetta politics" and the BJP Government was using probe agencies and a "pliant" media to selectively target individuals, the party termed the 96 days of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) Government's second term characterised by three words — "tyranny, chaos and anarchy".

"The arrest of DK Shivakumar is another example of the vendetta politics unleashed by the Government, using agencies like the ED/CBI & a pliant media to selectively target individuals," Rahul tweeted.

Congress spokesperson Manish Tewari alleged that in order to cover up this complete breakdown of governance, continued "persecution" of Opposition leaders was being carried out and the arrest of Shivakumar is the latest in a series of "continued



political vendetta".

"DK Shivakumar's only crime was that he provided protection to those Congress MLAs of Gujarat who were being poached by the NDA-BJP during the Rajya Sabha elections," Tewari said.

The former Union Minister cited economic slowdown, "undeclared emergency" in Kashmir and the situation in Assam following the publication of the updated final NRC, to claim there has been a "complete breakdown of governance" in the Narendra Modi Government's second term.

"Has there been any conviction of any Opposition leaders in the last five years? For the last five years, this politics of persecution has been carried on relentlessly against Opposition leaders of every

shade and hue," he said.

Tewari said the reason that there has not been a single conviction by any court of law is that there is a difference between persecution and prosecution. "Persecution only requires misuse and abuse of state instruments. When the lawyers of the Government plead for custodial interrogation in the courts of law, it is a euphemism for physical, mental and emotional torture of their political Opponents," he said.

"What you have been witnessing in the last five years is not unbiased, neutral prosecution but subjective, arbitrary and whimsical persecution being carried out by investigating agencies at the behest of their political masters," Tewari said at the AICC press briefing.

Democracy in ICU when Cong leaders face probe, mocks BJP

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With Congress alleging "political vendetta" behind the arrest of its senior leaders, the BJP on Wednesday said many of its own leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, came out "unscathed" in different probes, but for the Opposition party "democracy is in ICU" when its leaders face investigation.

While top Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi are under Income Tax scrutiny in the National Herald case, former Finance Minister P Chidambaram, arrested recently, is facing CBI probe in the INX Media case and former Karnataka Minister and State Congress leader DK Shivakumar, also arrested by Enforcement Directorate (ED) in an alleged money laundering case.

Besides, the ED had earlier filed its first chargesheet in a case of alleged irregularities in land allotment to the Congress-promoted Associated Journals Limited in Panchkula



and named party leader Motilal Vora and former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda in it.

In an altogether different case, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor is facing murder charges in the mysterious death of his wife Sunanda Pushkar.

In a series of tweets, BJP General Secretary (Organisation) BL Santhosh said when Modi was Gujarat Chief Minister, he submitted himself to the notices of the probe agencies and came out "untainted".

Home Minister Amit Shah, then Minister in Gujarat, also submitted himself to the laws

of the land and came out unscathed, he said.

"Never was democracy in danger... Now Cong leaders are under scrutiny... Democracy gets admitted to ICU... There is a limit Congis... Nation understands you perfectly of late (sic), the BJP leader wrote on the microblogging site Twitter.

Modi was questioned by probe agencies in cases related to 2002 riots in Gujarat. Shah was arrested in an alleged encounter case but was later acquitted. Modi too got a clean chit.

Santhosh said Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa also got a clean chit after being tried on corruption charges.

The Congress has stepped up its attack on the Modi Government following the arrests of Chidambaram and Shivakumar, who have described probes against them as acts of "political vendetta" by the BJP Government. While Chidambaram is under CBI remand till Thursday, Shivakumar would be in ED custody until September 13.

Azhar, Saeed, Dawood declared terrorists under new UAPA law

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India on Wednesday declared fugitive mastermind of Mumbai blasts Dawood Ibrahim, Jaish-e-Mohammed chief Masood Azhar, Lashkar-e-Tayyeba founder Hafiz Muhammad Saeed and Mumbai terror attack accused Zaki-ur-Rehman-Lakvi as terrorists under the new anti-terror law.

All the four persons, now residing in Pakistan, were declared individually as terrorists after Parliament, a month ago approved a crucial amendment to The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act, 1967. They are the first to be declared terrorists under the new anti-law, a home ministry official said.

The Home Ministry said Dawood runs an international underworld crime syndicate and is involved in perpetrating acts of terror, promoting religious fundamentalism, terror financing, arms smuggling, circulation of counterfeit currency, money laundering, narcotics, extortion and benami real estate business in India and abroad.

Dawood was designated as a global terrorist by the UN under the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1267 and he is listed in al-Qaeda sanction list on November 3, 2003 and the

UNSC had also issued a special notice in his name on April 6, 2006. The notification also said Dawood executed a series of bomb blasts along with his associates in Mumbai in March 1993, which resulted in deaths of 257 people and injured over 1000 others apart from destruction of properties on a massive scale.

The Ministry cited a series of terror acts in which Pakistan-based Azhar was involved that include attack on the J&K Assembly complex in 2011, attack on Parliament in 2001, attack on Pathankot air base in 2016 attacks on BSF camp in Srinagar in 2017 and explosion of a CRPF bus at Pulwama on February 14. On Saeed, the Home Ministry said he was involved in various attacks including Red Fort in 2000, a CRPF camp in Rampur (Uttar Pradesh), India's worst terror strike in Mumbai in 2008 in which 166 people were killed and the attack on a BSF convoy at Udhampur in J&K in 2015. Saeed was designated as a global terrorist by the UN under the UNSC Resolution 1267 on December 10, 2008.

On LeT commander Lakvi, the Ministry said he was involved in various attacks including Red Fort attack in 2000, Rampur CRPF camp in 2008, Mumbai in 2008 and on a BSF convoy at Udhampur in J&K.

FROM THE SUPREME COURT

SC to consider issue of attack on Ayodhya case litigant

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Wednesday said it would "look into" the claim that Iqbal Ansari, son of Mohd Hashim who was one of the original litigants in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri masjid land dispute, has been attacked recently at Ayodhya.

The moment a 5-judge Constitution bench, headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi, assembled to commence hearing on 19th day in the politically sensitive case, senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan brought into its notice that Ansari was being attacked by a shooter at Ayodhya.

"With some regrets, I have to tell you that Iqbal Ansari (who is pursuing the case after the death of Mohd Hashim), was attacked by a shooter. Whether this requires an investigation or not, I do not know.

Sometimes, a simple observation from the bench is enough," Dhavan, appearing for Muslims parties including Sunni Wakf Board, told the bench which also comprised justices SA Bobde, DY Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S A Nazeer. "We will look into this," the CJI observed.

The senior lawyer said that though the shooter has been arrested, the fact of the matter is that Ansari was being provided police protection.

"I do not want to pursue contempt against everybody," he said, adding that he did not want any security. Dhavan said he lives in a house in Delhi which has no locks and could be attacked anytime. "But, the surprising fact is that Ansari who was under police protection, could be attacked," he said.

Collegium recommends transfer of Madras HC Chief Justice VK Tahliramani to Meghalaya HC

New Delhi: The Supreme Court collegium has recommended transfer of Justice VK Tahliramani, the incumbent Chief Justice of the Madras High Court to Meghalaya High Court, not acceding to her request for reconsideration of her transfer.

The collegium, headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi, recommended transfer of Justice Tahliramani, who was elevated as the Chief Justice of Madras High Court on August 8 last year, to the Meghalaya High Court.

The collegium recommended her transfer on August 28, after which she had made a representation to the collegium requesting it to reconsider the proposal for transfer.

"The collegium has carefully gone through the aforesaid representation and taken into consideration all relevant factors. On reconsideration, the collegium is of the considered view that it is not possible to accede to her request," said the resolution dated September 3, which was uploaded on the apex court website.

"The collegium, accordingly, reiterates its recommendation dated August 28, 2019 for transfer of Justice VK Tahliramani to Meghalaya High Court," it said.

While holding office as the acting chief justice of the Bombay High Court, Justice Tahliramani had in May 2017 upheld the conviction and life imprisonment of 11 people in the Bilkis Bano gang-rape case, which was transferred to Maharashtra from Gujarat by the top court.

The apex court collegium — also comprising justices SA Bobde, NV Ramana, Arun Mishra and RF Nariman — has recommended that Meghalaya High Court's Chief Justice Justice AK Mittal be transferred to Madras High Court as its Chief Justice.

It has also recommended transfer of Justice Vivek Agarwal of the Madhya Pradesh High Court to Allahabad High Court and Justice Amit Rawal of the Punjab and Haryana High Court to the Kerala High Court.

Pak-incited elements behind 'unruly' protest at Indian Mission in London: India

New Delhi: India on Wednesday blamed "Pakistan-incited" elements for "unruly" demonstration and "vandalism" at the Indian High Commission in London for the second time in less than a month and asked the UK to take punitive action against those involved.

Thousands of people led by British-Pakistani groups held a protest outside the Indian embassy on Tuesday against withdrawal of special status to Jammu & Kashmir. The Indian High Commission said the "violent protest" caused damage to the embassy premises. A violent protest had taken place outside the Indian mission on August 15 also. External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson

Raveesh Kumar said India considered these incidents to be "unacceptable" and have strongly urged the UK to take necessary steps to ensure normal functioning of the Mission and the safety and security of the personnel working at the mission. "We are deeply concerned by the reports of unruly demonstration by Pakistan-incited elements and consequent organised vandalism of the property of the High Commission of India in London," he said in response to a query on the anti-India demonstrations.

London Mayor Sadiq Khan termed the clashes as unacceptable behaviour and called on the police to take action against the perpetrators. PTI

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CPWD TO PROVIDE INFRA HELP TO J&K, LADAKH
New Delhi: The CPWD has offered the Jammu & Kashmir administration assistance in building "economical" and "best quality" infrastructure in the two Union territories that will come into existence on October 31. The CPWD DG has written to Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary BVR Subrahmanyam in this regard.

UNESCO MGIEP, GAGA TRUST JOIN HANDS
New Delhi: UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP) has joined hands with pop star Lady Gaga's 'Born This Way' Foundation for its second annual '21 Days to be Kind' challenge that encourages youth to make kindness their habit by repeating it from September 1 to September 21.

V-P TO LAUNCH PREZ SPEECH COMPILATION
New Delhi: A compilation of 95 speeches delivered by President Ram Nath Kovind during his second year in office will be launched by Vice President Venkaiah Naidu on Friday. The Publications Division under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has published 'Loktantra Ke Swar (Khand 2)' and 'The Republican Ethic (Volume 2)', an official statement said.

TOTAL BAN ON SINGLE-USE PLASTIC IN MINISTRIES
New Delhi: Union Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan on Wednesday announced a complete ban on the use of single-use plastic in his Ministries and offices attached with the ministries from September 15.

Cricketer Rohit Sharma to launch save rhinos drive on Sept 22

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Rohit Sharma, star batsman is launching Rohit4Rhinos campaign, in partnership with WWF India and Animal Planet, on World Rhino Day on September 22, where the cricketer pledges to take cudgels on behalf of the "vulnerable" species to save them from extinction. There are around 3,500 Indian rhinos left in the world. India is home to 82 per cent of the rhinos.

Once found abundantly across the Indus, Ganges and the Brahmaputra river basins, the animal is now found only in select pockets in Assam, West Bengal, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. The state animal of

Assam, the Indian rhinoceros faces several threats, including poaching, habitat loss and mass mortality from in-breeding and disease.

Rohit Sharma joined WWF India as its Brand Ambassador for Rhino Conservation in 2018.

"Decades old stories of rhino conservation success in India need to be told and we believe that the campaign #Rohit4Rhinos being implemented in partnership with WWF India and Animal Planet (wildlife channel) will also be able to bring attention to the challenges that conservationists face in protecting the species," said, Dr. Dipankar Ghose, Director, Species and Landscapes, WWF India.

Week-long handloom, handicrafts exhibition begins

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Setting the celebratory mood here ahead of the festive season of Durga Puja, a two-week-long exhibition of exquisite handloom and handicrafts creations of weavers and crafts persons from Bengal is being held here.

The 8th Edition of "Bengal Pre-Puja Expo" was formally opened on Tuesday at Handloom Haat, Janpath, in the national Capital.

Artisans from 12 districts such as Nadia, Paschim Medinipur, Purba Bardhaman, North 24 Parganas, Howrah, Hooghly, Coochbehar, South 24 Parganas of West Bengal are participating in the exposition which is aimed at promoting



the rich and glorious tradition of Bengal handicrafts and handloom. It also aims to ensure commercial benefits to the crafts persons and weavers, a State government official said.

The exposition boasts of a range of beautiful handloom and handicrafts products, including "nakshi kantha" (traditional needle craft), jute products, dokra ornaments, embroidered and hand-painted apparel, terracotta jewellery and patachitra (scroll painting).

Lack of State consent affecting interstate probes: CBI Director

New Delhi: The CBI is unable to fulfil its mandate of investigating inter-state crimes due to the absence of consent of some State Governments, agency chief Rishi Kumar Shukla said on Wednesday.

The CBI is mandated to investigate crimes with inter-state and international ramifications but it requires consent from the respective state governments, supported by a notification from the Centre or an order from high courts or the Supreme Court.

In January this year, the Congress-led Chhattisgarh Government had withdrawn the general consent accorded to the CBI to probe cases in the

State. The West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh Governments had also withdrawn the general consent accorded to the CBI to conduct probe and raids in their jurisdiction.

Inaugurating the first National Conference on Cyber Crime Investigation and Cyber Forensics at the CBI headquarters here, Shukla said that while digitisation has improved the quality of citizen services, it has also increased vulnerability several folds.

He raised the issue of the CBI requiring the consent of State Governments under Section 6 of the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946. The CBI director high-

lighted the "dichotomous situation where the agency is unable to fulfil its mandate in investigating inter-state crimes due to the absence of consent of some State Governments".

The two-day conference, organised by the CBI, covers one of the mandates of the agency which is to investigate crimes with inter-state and international ramifications.

In his inaugural address, the CBI director said the conference is aimed at creating a platform and bringing together investigators, lawyers, forensic experts and academia to discuss challenges related to cyber crime and ways to find solutions. PTI

Nationwide grid to link AYUSH hospitals, labs

To record case histories to make Ayurveda credible

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India's traditional medicine system is all set to go high-tech with the Union Ayush Ministry taking steps to set up a nationwide AYUSH grid connecting all hospitals and research labs to record case histories so that a huge amount of evidences can be generated through data analytics about the efficacy of Ayurveda.

"While robust research is being conducted into Ayurveda, the problem arises in implementation of integrative medicine at the level of public health. This is because Ayurveda is still not accepted as a science by the Allopathic community. Ayush Grid is expected to take care of



these gaps," Dr Rajesh Kotecha, Union Ayush Secretary said.

In fact, Prime Minister Narendra Modi too last week, while speaking at a Yoga Awards ceremony emphasised on the need to create a homogenous system by creating an "Ayush grid" on the lines of one nation, one tax and one nation, one mobility card.

The move has been welcomed by the ayush experts and manufacturers. "This would instil confidence among people as well as bring transparency and accountability in the sector at the

time when the Government is focussing on universal health care," said Sanchit Sharma, executive director of the AIMIL Pharma Ltd. He agreed with the Prime Minister's view that technology intervention will eliminate silos in the area of Ayush. Modi had pitched for connecting technology with tradition in the practice of Ayush medicine as he announced the Government's plans to establish 12,500 Ayush centres across India, 4,000 of which will be set up this year. Ayush medicines will be provided in these centres.

There is already an array of Ayurveda drugs like BGR-34 for diabetes developed by country's prestigious research institutions like CSIR. Similarly, Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed herbal drug, NEERI-KFT for kidney ailments after intensive research.

The burden of Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs) is immense in the country. As per the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), deaths due to NCDs has increased from 37 per cent in 1990 to 61 per cent in 2016. The WHO has already recognized diabetes as a growing challenge in India with an estimated 8.7 per cent diabetic population between the age group of 20 and 70 years. In India, the Global Disease Burden (GBD) 2015 ranks chronic kidney disease as the eighth leading cause of death.

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a move to boost growth in the animal husbandry sector, the Modi Government is working on an indigenous technology of 'artificial insemination' through sex-sorted semen to tackle stray cattle. The breeding technology will enhance female calves' production in the country. The Government has decided to go for 100 per cent artificial insemination by 2025.

Expressing concern over stray cattle, Union Minister for fisheries, animal husbandry and dairying, Giriraj Singh, on Wednesday said the Government is exploring ways to deal with this issue and hoped to introduce some mechanism or model within the next six months. Besides, the Government is also exploring PPP model in the animal husbandry sector to increase



farmers' income. Through the introduction of new technology in this sector, Singh said productivity could be increased substantially, making it attractive for private investment. "We will link the husbandry sector to market to encourage employment generation. As many as 30 lakh doses will be given by

next March including Government and non-government institution," Singh added. Artificial insemination is the technique in which semen with living sperms is collected from the male and introduced into female reproductive tract at the proper time with the help of instruments.

He said the indigenous technology will be developed indigenously to bring down the

cost. Other technologies such as IVF (in vitro fertilisation) will also be used to boost productivity. The minister said the Government would also focus on conserving indigenous breed of cattle.

He said the tagging process has been completed on 2.8 crore cattle. To deal with the issue of stray cattle, Singh said, "I am trying to create some model in next 4-6 months."

PM TO LAUNCH LIVESTOCK DISEASE CONTROL SCHEME

PNS: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 11 will launch a ₹13,500-crore central scheme to control livestock diseases, especially foot and mouth disease (FMD) and brucellosis, from Mathura district in Uttar Pradesh. This was announced by Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Giriraj Singh. The scheme envisages

vaccination coverage to 30 crore bovines (cows-bulls and buffaloes) and 20 crore sheep/goat and 10 million pigs. The disease of FMD and brucellosis are common among the livestock — cow, bulls, buffaloes, sheep, goats and pigs. Earlier, the Centre and state governments used to contribute funds in the ratio of 60:40.

DOCTOR ASSAULT IMA threatens strike, demands safety Act

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The Indian Medical Association on Wednesday threatened to launch a countrywide indefinite cease work by doctors if the Centre immediately failed to enact a law to check violence against health professionals, IMA president Dr Santanu Sen said.

The IMA also demanded Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal to come out with a statement within 24 hours on the deadly assault of a doctor at a tea garden, who had succumbed to his injuries at a hospital, after being assaulted by relatives of a tea garden worker.

The IMA president was speaking to reporters here after visiting the family of the doctor, Dr Deben Dutta, here on Wednesday. He was also accompanied by some IMA members.

"Doctors continue to be attacked...Enough is enough. We have reached the end point, we are not going to let this go. If a Central Act is not enacted and the Chief Minister's statement does not come within 24 hours, then the Government and the entire country have to remain prepared for the consequences", he said.

The IMA chief said that the association has written to the Prime Minister, the Home Minister, the health Minister and the Chief Minister underlining the urgent need to enact a Central law to check violence against health professionals.



"In Parliament, I had raised the demand for a Central act. If the government does not take any positive step, then doctors of the entire country will go for an indefinite cease work and the Central Government will have to remain prepared for the consequences", the IMA chief said.

Mentioning that the state government, the Chief Minister or the Health Minister had not issued any statement after the incident, Sen said, "If the chief minister does not come out with a statement, all the doctors in Assam will go for cease work indefinitely, including emergency service."

The 24-hour strike by the medical fraternity in Assam on Tuesday was "very successful", he said.

Emergency services, however, were kept out of the purview of Tuesday's stir.

The IMA chief said, another demand of the IMA was that the culprits must not be released on bail.

"As seen on many occa-

sions, such people are released on bail after the situation calms down. None can be released and they be given the severest punishments", he said.

Jorhat Deputy Commissioner Roshni Aparanji Korati had ordered a magisterial inquiry by Additional Deputy Commissioner Subhan Gowala into the incident and had asked the ADC to submit his report within seven days.

Pointing out that doctors would not be willing to work in tea estates if they were not given adequate protection, he said, "If no doctor serves in tea garden areas, then the government has to think what has to be done for the tea garden labourers."

Doctors in Assam have been demanding safety of health professionals and proper implementation of the Assam Medicare Service Persons and Medicare Service Institutions (Protection of Violence and Damage to Property) Act in the State.

Chandrayaan 2nd de-orbiting manoeuvre executed

Bengaluru: The second de-orbiting manoeuvre of Chandrayaan-2 spacecraft was successfully carried out early Wednesday, the Indian Space Research Organisation said, inching towards achieving a historic soft-landing on the lunar surface.

"Both the Orbiter and Lander are healthy," the space agency said. It further said that moon lander Vikram is scheduled for a powered-descent between 1 am and 2 am on September 7, followed by touch down of Lander between 1.30 am and 2.30 am.

ISRO Chairman K Sivan has said the proposed soft-landing on the Moon is going to be a "terrifying" moment as the ISRO has not done it before, whereas Lunar Orbit Insertion (LOI) maneuver was successfully carried out during the Chandrayaan-1 mission.

Following the landing, the rover 'Pragyan' will roll out from 'Vikram' between 5:30-

6:30 am on September 7, and carry out experiments on the lunar surface for a period of one lunar day, which is equal to 14 earth days.

The mission life of the lander is also one lunar day, while the orbiter will continue its mission for a year.

India's Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle, GSLV MkIII-M1 had successfully launched the 3,840-kg Chandrayaan-2 spacecraft into the earth's orbit on July 22.

Chandrayaan-2 satellite had begun its journey towards the moon leaving the earth's orbit in the dark hours on August 14, after a crucial maneuver called Trans Lunar Insertion (TLI) that was carried out by ISRO to place the spacecraft on "Lunar Transfer Trajectory".

In a major milestone for India's second Moon mission,

the Chandrayaan-2 spacecraft had successfully entered the lunar orbit on August 20 by performing Lunar Orbit Insertion (LOI) maneuver.

The health of the spacecraft is being continuously monitored from the Mission Operations Complex (MOX) at ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC) in Bengaluru with support from Indian Deep Space

Network (IDSN) antennas at Bylalu, near Bengaluru, the space agency has said. The orbiter carries eight scientific payloads for mapping the lunar surface and study the exosphere (outer atmosphere) of the Moon while the lander carries three scientific payloads to conduct surface and subsurface science experiments.

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Opp slams Yogi Govt over power tariff hike

Lucknow: The Opposition parties have mounted a blistering attack on Uttar Pradesh's Yogi Adityanath Government over the 12 to 15 per cent increase in power rates.

Samajwadi Party (SP) President Akhilesh Yadav tweeted: "On one hand, the reduction in income and demand is pushing down the production capacity of the country, while on the other, power tariff has been raised in the State."

Yadav said the people, including businessmen, were fed up of the Government. "The possibilities of investment in UP are lean as banks are not ready to give out loans. The power hike will further push away investors," he said.

BSP President Mayawati also opposed the move saying that it would cause more trouble to "hard working people".

"The decision to raise the power tariff by the State Government is purely anti-people. This will cause more trouble to crores of hard working people of the State. The Government should review its decision," she said.

Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said the BJP was targeting the common man with its policies. "First the government

increased the prices of petrol and diesel and now power rates have been increased. The government has emptied the state exchequer and is now cracking the whip on the people," she said in a tweet.

UP power minister Shrikant Sharma, however, defended the move. Sharma explained the reason for the decision taken by the Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Regulatory Commission (UPERC) in a statement saying: "The Government had looked into the problems of the consumers and made minimum hike in the lower tariff."

The statement said the rebate on pre-paid electricity meters had been raised from 1.25 to 2 per cent, while the regularity surcharge of 4.28 per cent had been removed.

The Minister held big consumers of power like Indian Railways responsible for buying electricity directly from generation companies, instead of Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (UPPCL), by taking advantage of the open access regime under the Indian Electricity Act 2003. He also cited increase in rail tariff for coal transportation among the factors responsible for the power tariff revision.

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Sops, controversial moves mark Jagan's 100 days in office

Hyderabad: A slew of sops to fulfill his poll promises, some controversial moves like reserving 75 per cent jobs for locals in industries, and lack of clarity on the fate of the state capital Amaravati, have marked Andhra Pradesh CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's first 100 days in office.

Unfazed by the precarious financial position of the State, Reddy has gone on a freebie announcement spree, but a few decisions of his have also sparked apprehension among the industry and trade circles.

Jagan Reddy, who led the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) to a massive victory in the state to

end the five-year rule of the TDP, has also faced allegations of doing vendetta politics by targeting his predecessor N Chandrababu Naidu.

Alleging corruption in awarding contracts for various projects by the previous Government, Reddy decided to review all these projects soon after taking over. It was announced that wherever irregularities were found, the government would go for reverse-tendering, allow wider participation of bidders, ensure transparency and save public money.

The first contract to be terminated was the one awarded to

Navayuga Engineering Company Ltd (NECL) which had bagged the ₹3,000 crore Polavaram project.

Besides Polavaram, the construction of the state capital Amaravati too has come to a halt. The World Bank and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIM) have pulled out of the \$300 million state capital project.

Reddy's allegations of a land scandal in Amaravati during the TDP regime, as well as various statements by Ministers and YSRCP leaders, have triggered speculation that the government may not continue with Amaravati as the capital. The

uncertainty has hit the real estate sector and stoked fears among the farmers who have surrendered 33,000 acres of land for building the new capital.

Past Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) have also come under the scrutiny of the new Chief Minister. The agreements were signed with renewable energy producers during the TDP Government. Jagan Reddy argues that the PPAs to buy power at a high rate will cause ₹2,766 crore loss to the state exchequer every year. The Centre, however, has cautioned the State Government that if contracts are not honoured, it could

affect the flow of investments. In another major move, the State Government has announced the setting up of a judicial commission to review all projects of ₹100 crore and above, to check corruption and bring transparency in the tendering process and awarding of contracts. The Government has also shut down Anna canteens, under which the poor and the middle classes were getting a meal for only ₹5.

During his first 100 days of governance, Jagan Reddy has taken steps to implement one of his major poll promises of imposing prohibition in a phased

manner. In the first phase, he ordered a crackdown on the illegal liquor outlets and the Government claims that liquor consumption has come down during the last two months. The second step saw the Government taking over the liquor business from private traders.

The major schemes announced by the Government include "Amma Vodi" under which every mother will be paid ₹15,000 annually for sending their children to schools and junior colleges, both Government-run and private.

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		The Panipat Coop. Sugar Mills Ltd., Panipat	04-09-2019 AT 11:00 AM	10-09-2019 AT 09:30 AM			https://tenders.bjy.mic.in
1		Tube Cleaning Material			4.50	--	
2		Electric Motor			2.50	--	
3		Electric Cables			2.50	--	
4		Thermoplast Cluster			2.10	--	
5		Nylon Rubber Belt (M-24) for RBC			2.00	--	
6		Bagasse			86.00	96.50	
7		Fire Wood			15.00	--	
8		Polythene Sheet			4.00	--	
9		Spare of Syno & Risansi make pumps			1.80	--	
10		Small P.P. Bag (10 kgs. & 20 kgs.)			7.00	--	
11		Rate Contract for Oxygen & D.A. Cylinder			2.00	--	
12		Rate Contract for Various Type of Bearing & Sieves			15.00	30.50	
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		Purchase for Distillery Unit					
14		SDS/RS			100.00	--	
15		ENA			150.00	--	
16		Glass Bottle			24.00	--	
17		Cartoon Boxes			55.00	1.00	
18		Labels			21.75	00.53	
19		Essence & Caramel			18.33	00.53	
20		Pet Bottle			400.00	5.00	
21		Wooden Chips			250.00	4.00	
22		P.P.Seals			52.75	1.00	
		Job Works for Sugar Mills					
23		Lifting of Scarfed Cane from Cane Yard			3.00	00.65	
24		Chemical Dosing in Boiler Water			2.50	--	
25		Operation of Wet Scrubber			3.00	--	
26		Sugar Handling			80.00	1.00	
27		Filling & Packing of Small P.P. Bag (10 kgs. & 20 kgs.)			2.00	--	
28		Removal of Binding Material from Cane			5.00	00.05	
29		Cane Carrier Pit Cleaning			1.80	--	
30		Dismantling, Fabrication & Erection at various station			7.00	00.10	
31		Tube Cleaning of all Juice Heater, Evaporator Bodies & Vacuum Fans (Season 2019-20)			6.00	00.10	
32		E.T.P. Operation & Maintenance			5.00	00.10	
33		Mill House Bed Coolie (Season 2019-20)			11.00	00.10	
34		AMC of Instrument (Season 2019-20)			2.00	00.05	
		Job Works for Distillery Unit					
35		Removal & Shifting of Sludge from Spent Wash Lagoon			5.00	00.05	
36		Filling & Packing of Country Liquor			15.00	00.90	
37		Transportation of Country Liquor			40.00	00.25	
38		AMC & Operation of Ethanol Plant			9.00	00.20	
39		AMC & Operation of MEE Plant			20.00	00.50	
40		Contract for operation of various station of sugar mill during season 2019-20			80.00	1.00	
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The detailed tender have already been uploaded on the website https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or sugared haryanaeprocurement.gov.in. The tender should be filled on the above website on or before 10-09-2019 up to 09:00AM. The "TECHNICAL BID" will be opened on 10-09-2019 at 09:30AM. If a tenderer qualifies in "TECHNICAL BID" then only "FINANCIAL BID" will be opened. The Negotiation, if necessary will be held in the presence of lowest tenderer or his representative who may be present at that time on 11-09-2019 at 11:00AM.

Managing Director

Minor raped by 3 brothers in UP school

Baghpat (UP): A class 3 student was allegedly raped by three brothers, all minors, at a primary school in a village here, police said on Wednesday.

The girl was raped by a 13-year-old student and his two brothers aged 10 and 11 respectively in the bathroom of the primary school on August 16. All the three are students of the same school and study in class 5, 7 and 8 respectively.

Police have detained the three, who will be produced in a juvenile court on Wednesday, police said. The matter came to light on Monday when the victim's family met SP, Pratap Gopendra Yadav, alleging the police was not registering the case and forcing for a compromise with the opposite party. PTI

HARASSMENT CASE Chinmayanand appears before media

Says he trusts judiciary

Shahjahanpur (UP): Former Union minister and BJP leader Swami Chinmayanand on Wednesday expressed full faith in the judiciary, a day after the UP Government constituted a Special Investigation Team to probe charges levelled by a Shahjahanpur woman against him.

Appearing before the media for the first time after an FIR was lodged against him by a female law student here, he said, "The matter is in the Supreme Court. An SIT has been constituted." "I have full faith in the judiciary and I will say whatever I have to say before the SIT," he

said. At the Press conference, Chinmayanand also asked electronic media reporters to switch off their cameras.

"I will not talk to the electronic media. What will you do?" he said. The UP Police had visited Haridwar to trace the BJP leader after he was booked by the Shahjahanpur police when the student went missing following her allegation in a video clip that he had been harassing her.

Acting on the Supreme Court's order, the Uttar Pradesh Government on Tuesday constituted the SIT. The SIT to be headed by an IG-rank police officer will look into the two cross FIRs filed in the high-profile case.

Instructions have been issued to Divisional

Commissioner (Bareilly) and Vice-Chancellor of Mahatma Jyotibha Phule Ruhelkhand University, Bareilly, to admit the law student and her brother at Mahatma Jyotibha Phule Ruhelkhand University, Bareilly or any affiliated college.

Directions have also been issued to the Superintendent of Police, Shahjahanpur to provide adequate security to the law student, her parents and other members of her family, it said. The law student had gone missing after levelling allegations against Chinmayanand in a video and was later found in Rajasthan by UP police.

The apex court judge said the woman had raised certain grievances against the institution where she studied and her mother and father had some

apprehensions about the safety of their children.

The top court said the Delhi Police will accompany her parents to their residence in Shahjahanpur and the woman will continue her stay in the national capital till September 12.

The Shahjahanpur police had on August 27 lodged an FIR against Chinmayanand after the student went missing following her allegation in a video clip that he had been harassing her. She also spoke about threat to her and her family's life in the video clip.

Her father had filed a complaint with police accusing Chinmayanand of sexually harassing her, a charge refuted by the BJP leader's lawyer who claimed it was a "conspiracy" to blackmail him. PTI

Rain wreaks havoc in Mumbai, normal life crippled

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Heavy rain wreaked havoc in the metropolis and its suburbs for the fourth time during the current monsoon, inundating the low-lying areas, disrupting rail and road traffic and crippling normal life on Wednesday.

With no let up in the overnight's rains, Mumbaiers woke up to a wet morning. Incessant rains threw the suburban network of Central and Western Railways — considered lifeline of Mumbai — out of gear, stranding thousands of commuters en route to their work stations and forcing lakhs of others stay indoors.

During the past 36 hours, several parts of Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) — comprising Mumbai and parts of neighbouring Thane, Palghar and Raigad districts —

recorded an average 250 to 300 mm rainfall. Mumbai's satellite townships of Nalasophara, Virar and Vasai recorded over 500 mm rainfall during the last 36 hours.

The unabated heavy down-pour since Tuesday revived the unpleasant memories of four such prolonged wet spells that Mumbai and neighbouring districts of Thane, Palghar and Raigad had earlier witnessed on three occasions during the current monsoon on June 24-25, July 27-28 and August 3-4.

The Indian Meteorological Department, Mumbai, has sounded "red alert" for the next 24 hours and forecast "continuous rain or showers with a possibility of extremely heavy falls at isolated places in the city and suburbs." "Rainfall warnings for Mumbai and the neighbouring Thane, Palghar and Raigad districts are 'red'



coded. Isolated extremely heavy rainfall, more than 20 cm is expected in these areas in next 24 hours," KS Hosalkar, the deputy director general of meteorology, IMD, said.

As a precautionary measure on Wednesday, the Maharashtra government

were overflowing, thus exposing the lives of thousands of people living on the banks of them, to risk.

The NDRF, Indian Navy and Mumbai Police personnel rescued nearly 1,500 people stranded in the flood waters of the Mithi River which overflowed and entered their homes in Krantinagar and Bail Bazar areas of Kurla in north-central Mumbai.

The suburban train services bore the maximum brunt, with the locals remaining out of bounds for commuters all through the day. With train services having been suspended following inundation of tracks at some places, there were huge crowds of commuters stranded at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT), Churchgate, Thane, Bandra, Andheri and Borivli stations.

2 Pak intruders caught near LoC in Gulmarg

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Exposing direct involvement of Pakistan Army behind pushing armed infiltrators and fuelling 'unrest' in Kashmir Valley, Indian Army on Wednesday claimed they have apprehended two Pakistani nationals, affiliated with proscribed terror outfit, Lashkar-e-Tayyebba (LeT), while they were attempting to sneak inside the Indian territory.

The terrorists, were captured in Gulmarg sector near the LoC on August 21. Both the terrorists were pushed inside the Indian territory with an aim of carry out 'daring' attacks in the Valley.

Addressing a Press conference in Srinagar, Chinar Corps Commander Lieutenant General KJS Dhillon on Wednesday said, "Pakistan is desperate to push in as many terrorists into the Kashmir Valley as possible, especially after August 5".

Flanked by ADG, Law and Order Muneer Khan, Lt-Gen Dhillon told reporters, "Recently we have apprehended two Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists alive during one such foiled attempt on August 21".

Commenting on the prevailing security situation, Lt-Gen Dhillon said, "the launch pads along the Line of Control (LoC) in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir were active and full of



terrorists who were being facilitated by the Pakistan Army to infiltrate into the State".

He said Pakistan Army is desperately trying to disturb peace and harmony in the Valley after the Centre abrogated provisions of Article 370.

During the Press briefing in Srinagar, Lt-Gen KJS Dhillon also exhibited clips of confessional videos where both the terrorists were heard narrating how they were imparted training by the Pakistan Army and then supported from a forward post to sneak inside the Indian territory.

The two terrorists identified themselves as Mohammad Khalil and Mohammad Nazim, hailing from Rawalpindi area of Pakistan.

The duo admitted that they were being trained by Lashkar and Pakistan Army personnel, and named several of their accomplices. In the brief video clip, Mohammad Nazim could

be seen drinking tea while the video was being recorded.

"Chai acchi hai (the tea is good)," the LeT terrorists responded when asked.

Responding to a question on ongoing operations in the Kashmir valley, Lt-Gen Dhillon said the counter-insurgency operations in the hinterland of the Valley were also going on and restrictions on communication had not come in the way.

"We have killed terrorists and apprehended several of them during the past one month. The operations in the hinterland have not been affected".

He said five to seven Pakistani terrorists and regulars were killed near the LoC last month and the Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) of the Indian Army had conveyed the same to his Pakistani counterpart.

"The DGMO has informed Pakistan DGMO that we have two Pakistani citizens in our

Teen succumbs to clash injuries in Srinagar hospital, curbs reimposed

Srinagar: A Kashmiri teen who was injured in clashes with security forces last month died at a Srinagar hospital in the early hours of Wednesday, prompting Jammu & Kashmir authorities to reimpose daytime restrictions in majority of the city, officials said.

Asrar Ahmed Khan, who was injured in police action in Soura at the outskirts of the city, was around 18 years of age and is alleged to be part of a mob staging a protest on August 6, a day after the State's special status was abrogated by the Centre.

Khan had since been admitted to Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences at

custody," he said.

Lt Gen Dhillon said while there were no ceasefire violations along the LoC from March 12 to July 30, Pakistan resorted to unprovoked firing along the LoC there onwards for several days, targeting civilian habitations.

"These ceasefire violations were effectively responded to," he said, adding that there have been three to four ceasefire vio-

lutions along the LoC in Gurez sector after August 5.

Additional Director General of Police Law and Order Muneer Khan, said the infiltration at the LoC was being effectively dealt with by the Army while the security forces were ensuring peace in the hinterland.

"Our primary objective was to ensure there are no civilian casualties during any law

and order problems. So far, touchwood, we have had no civilian casualty while dealing with law and order situations," he added. Khan said clear instructions have been given to security forces to ensure zero civilian casualties.

He also said the situation in the Valley had improved significantly over the past one month and hoped that things will normalise in the coming days.

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Additional Director General of Police Munir Khan, who was at a press conference during which the Army had released a video of two Pakistani terrorists, said the matter was being investigated.

"The youth was recovering well but somehow his condition deteriorated and he passed away during the night," Khan told reporters.

Khan, who belonged to a poor family, has been buried as the authorities imposed strict restrictions in the area and other parts of downtown city and Civil Lines area as a precautionary measure.

Green message for visitors at Kolkata puja pandals

Kolkata: With rising pollution levels and water scarcity emerging as fundamental challenges to policy-makers across the planet, Durga puja committees in Kolkata have come up with green themes for their marquees to raise awareness on environment conservation.

At Khidderpore 25 Pally, on the western fringes of the city, around 5 lakh plastic bottles are being used to embellish the pandal and generate awareness on global warming, artist Sanatan Dinda, who has conceived the theme, said.

Dinda, who has bagged several awards over the years for his marquee concepts, said, "Apart from plastic bottles, parts of air conditioners, fan coils and radiators have been used to create a tunnel leading to the pandal. Our objective is to drive home the message that one should be careful about dumping electronic waste"

For Ahiritola Sarbojonin Durgotsab, one of the popular puja pandals in the city, the committee members have decided to adopt 'water scarcity' as its theme.

"We are re-creating a 1000-year-old stepwell of Gujarat, which, at one point of time, used to be a source of water for many villages," Tannoy, one of the puja committee members, said.

Similarly, at Santoshpur Lake Pally, another crowd-



puller, a snow-capped hill, about 10 feet in height, will adorn the marquee's entrance. Somnath Das, the general secretary of the puja committee, said it was important to sensitise people to the issue of global warming.

"We will use a special preservation technique to prevent the ice from melting on the replica hill. I hope our efforts pay off and the visitors get to learn a thing or two about the perils of rising global temperatures. It's important to act before it gets too late," he added.

PTI

Entry of independent adds spice to Pala bypoll

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI/KOCHI

The bypoll scheduled for September 23 from the Pala Assembly constituency in Kerala took a curious turn on Wednesday as an independent candidate nominated by P J Joseph, working chairman, Kerala Congress, filed his nom-

ination which literally shocked the Congress-led United Democratic Front.

The UDF, has already nominated Jose Tom Pulikkunnel as the front's candidate to contest the bypoll necessitated by the demise of KM Mani, chairman of the Kerala Congress who has been representing the seat since 1965. Pulikkunnel is a close con-

fidante of the family of K M Mani and the Congress led UDF had no issues in accepting his candidature. The CPI-M led Left Democratic Front had nominated Mani C Kappen, a leader of the Nationalist Congress Party as its candidate.

But the decision of P J Joseph, who unsuccessfully tried to become the chairman of the party following the death of Mani has upset the hopes of the UDF which had established a lead of more than 33,000 votes in the Pala Assembly constituency in the April 2019 Lok Sabha election. The UDF had swept the LS election from the State by winning 19 seats at stake.

By Wednesday, Joseph Kandathil, a farmers' leader who is a trusted loyalist of P J Joseph

took all by surprise by filing his nomination as an independent candidate. "There are reasons behind my entering the electoral scene. I will disclose the same at the right time. If P J Joseph asks me to withdraw from the contest, I will do so immediately," Kandathil said after filing the nomination.

There were some issues regarding the allocation of Two Leaves, the Kerala Congress symbol to the official party candidate Jose Tom Pulikkunnel. The Two Leaves symbol could be allocated to Pulikkunnel only if P J Joseph agrees for the same. But the working chairman is sulking over the decision of the Mani family to unilaterally announce the name of Pulikkunnel without consulting the former.

The general belief was that the UDF would romp home with a big majority in the bypoll because of the sympathy wave for the family of late KM Mani. Though there was a move by Jose K Mani, son of late Mani to field a family member (Nisha, wife of Jose K Mani) as candidate, it has to be called off because of stiff resistance by former Chief Minister Oommen Chandi and other leaders of the constituent units. The UDF, which was on a roll after the Lok Sabha election, may find the going tough because of the unexpected development in the Kerala Congress faction war between Jose K Mani and P J Joseph. Since the election is still fortnight away, efforts are on to make the independent candidate withdraw his nomination.

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3.	40/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2019-20, D/o R.S.P in sector-117 with two year maintenance (Dust Free).	Cost Rs. 26.95 Lacs
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8.	77/D(H)/DD(H)-I/2019-20, D/o R.S.P in sector-62 Metro station with One Year maintenance. (Vertical Garden)	Cost Rs. 46.73 Lacs
9.	78/D(H)/DD(H)-I/2019-20, D/o R.S.P in sector-63 Road no-6 Electronic City Metro station with One Year maintenance. (Vertical Garden)	Cost Rs. 46.73 Lacs
10.	48/D(H)/DD(H)-I/2019-20, M/o Parks in Sector-25A (Jalvayu Vihar) with Two Year maintenance.	Cost Rs. 27.32 Lacs

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8.	61/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2019-20, M/o Park (Sh PF Open Gym) Sector-121 Village Garhi and Sector-122 Parthla Khanjarpur with Five year maintenance.	Cost Rs. 57.49 Lacs
9.	40/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2019-20, M/o Parks Sector-58 with Two year maintenance.	Cost Rs. 25.18 Lacs
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Senior Bengal Congress leader OP Mishra joins TMC

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Senior Bengal Congress leader and All India Congress Committee member Om Prakash Mishra on Wednesday joined the Trinamool Congress following differences with the party over its future system of alliances.

Mishra, a veteran Congress man, who used to profess a strong pro-Left line inside the Congress on Wednesday met Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and offered to join the TMC.

About the reasons of his quitting the Congress the senior professor in the Jadavpur University said "I have joined the TMC as I feel that only this party under the leadership of Mamata Banerjee can fight the BJP and the RSS in West Bengal," Mishra said.

He had resigned as the Congress State vice president following the party's dismal performance in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. The Congress' tally came down to two from four it had in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls.

Meanwhile, in an unusual development Congress and the Left parties have decided to rally behind die-hard enemy Trinamool Congress against bringing National Register for Citizens to Bengal.

Both Congress and the Left have decided to back the TMC in raising the NRC issue a senior Trinamool leader and Minister said.

Incidentally the TMC earlier backed a resolution on the issue brought by CPI(M) Legislature Party Leader Sujan Chakrabarty in the State Assembly. Senior TMC leader and Minister Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay backed Chakrabarty when he brought the issue against BJP's proposal to bring NRC in Bengal.

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UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY
General Public is hereby informed that one male **Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, Address: Unknown** was found dead at near Novelty Cinema Hall, S. P. Mukherjee Marg, Delhi in the area of P. S. Lahori Gate, Delhi on 30.08.2019. In this regard a case has been lodged vide **DD No. 15-A, dated 30.08.2019** at P. S. Lahori Gate, Delhi. The description of the dead person is as under:- **Age: 42 years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: White colour checkdar Shirt and Black colour half pant.** If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned.
SHO P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi DP/391/N/19 Ph.: 011-23953776, 8750870122

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General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male, **Age: 40 years, Complexion: Decomposed, Height: 5'6", ID Mark: "SABIN"** written on right hand, was wearing **Blue Checkdar Shirt & Grey Colour Half Lower/Pant,** was found dead in Nala Saleem Garh Being Red Fort, in the area of PS Kotwali, Delhi. In this regard a **DD No. 15-A, dated 24.08.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Kotwali, 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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General public is hereby informed that this person **Named: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: about 60 years, Sex: Male, Height: about 168 CM, Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, Wearing: Blue T-shirt, Grey Lower and Brown Colour Shoes,** has been found in under RS flyover on 30.08.2019. He was admitted in LHMC hospital and during the treatment doctors declared him dead vide MLC No. 77671/19. In this regard a DD No. 59-B dated 30-08-2019 has been lodged at P.S. Barakhamba, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.
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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION
General public is here by informed that an unidentified person (depicted in the photo) name: **Amit Thapa, S/o Unknown, R/o H. No. 464, Old Bank wali Gali, Vill. Rithala, Delhi** was admitted in BSA Hospital by his fellow tenants. The doctor has declared him brought dead. In this regard a FIR/DD No. **59-A** dated **30.08.2019** has been registered at **Police Station Budh Vihar, Delhi.** His physical description is as under:- **Sex: Male, Age: 45 years, Height: 5'6" ft., Complexion: Fair, ID Mark: Mole mark at left side of abdomen, Wearing: Only Black Paint.** Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or Telephone Numbers.
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New Indo-Russian map

PM Modi and Russian President Putin have redefined traditional boundaries for stronger strategic ties



In the end, it was hugplomacy which made the headlines as Prime Minister Narendra Modi called on "great friend" Vladimir Putin and described the Indo-Russian relationship as an unprecedented partnership. In fact, it was the informal talks at Sochi last year and the personal chemistry between Putin and Modi that have reset the Indo-Russian axis of cooperation that, over time, was fraying at the edges and taken for granted. Clearly, in the context of changed geopolitics and multi-polar dynamics, there was a drift not too long ago as both

nations were guided by their nationalist and political imperatives. At one end, the ties were tested by India's proximity to the US and the dominating spectre of that superpower on mutual trade and business, particularly defence. On the other was Russia's tilt towards China and even arms deals with Pakistan. Going by the chief guest status accorded to Modi for the Eastern Economic Forum meeting at Vladivostok, introducing India as a decisive economic player in the Russian-Pacific region and holding the 20th bilateral summit there as an example of expanded cooperation, the relationship is not only on an even keel but is looking to spread to newer areas and won't just depend on traditional convergence. And with the heft of Russia's position that it respected "India's Constitutional space" on Kashmir, India did manage to swing international opinion. Both Modi and Putin have now realised that while global politics is fluid and could force the need to calibrate individual responses, bilateral relations would be immune to any external influence and work towards shoring each other up. In that sense, the personal understanding between the two leaders has indeed reinvented the wheel. As Putin said, it would now prioritise "mutual benefit."

Russia continues to be the biggest exporter of arms to India despite our buys from the US and after the S-400s, it will also help in making AK-203 rifles. So it is now looking beyond the dependence on defence contracts. The Vladivostok summit is expected to promote stable mutual growth of trade turnovers, aiming to touch \$30 billion by 2025. While ONGC Videsh has been an early player in the region with the Sakhalin oil fields, joint development of oil and gas fields in both Russia and India is in the pipeline. This will help reduce our dependence on the Gulf. And since nuclear energy constitutes a fundamental building block for strategic partnership, Russia remains the only foreign country in India involved in practical construction of nuclear reactors. In the process of building six power units of the Kudankulam nuclear power plant, it will now promote joint projects with India, too, in third countries, like it is doing at the Rooppur nuclear plant project in Bangladesh. The Russian far east is expected to allow new areas for Indian investment and the 25 agreements include mining mineral resources, harnessing energy, pharmaceuticals and R&D, partnerships in education, agriculture, aquaculture, tourism and skilled labour. Most importantly, the Vladivostok-Chennai sea route, which was once used by Russian cargo ships, will now be developed as a key transport and logistics corridor. On its part, the Russians will enhance industrial cooperation and contribute to infrastructure development through "Make in India." For example, they will collaborate on the Nagpur-Secunderabad high-speed corridor. And now that they will be training and selecting astronauts for Gaganyaan, there will be increased space cooperation, too. Of course, Russia will have to consider the Indo-China anxieties within the RIC (Russia, India, China) club if it wants to be a pivot of the Asia-Pacific region. And there will be divergence on foreign policy with regard to the Pacific waters, the territoriality of which has been defined by the US as "Indo-Pacific", establishing our primacy in any policy there while Russia disapprovingly calls it "Asia-Pacific." Of course, Moscow has sought to deflect concern from its endorsement of China's Belt and Road Initiative by seeking a more extensive Eurasian partnership involving India in the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU). Russia insists that every country in the region has its own vision and the idea should be not to exclude anybody from dialogue. Cooperation within G20, BRICS, SCO, RIC, EAS and other multi-lateral formats will be Russia's way to align India to mutual interests. Of course, finding convergence among divergence will be a tall order but at the moment the idea is to soften the latter with the cushion, or rather bear hug, of the former.

Food democracy

Kerala forum pulls out beef curry from German food festival after protests by right-wingers



If the wise George Bernard Shaw is to be believed, there is no love sincerer than the love of food. Indeed, for a country as rich and diverse as India, one which is known for its regional and cultural diversity, food, too, comes with its own variants — spicy, steamed, bland, pickled, vegetarian and non-vegetarian — all culminating in the sweetness of desserts. It is this diversity of food that envelopes all our five senses so wholesomely that we get our first lesson in tolerance — respect the cultural and religious sensitivities

surrounding it. The food republic is the most democratic there is and has stayed apolitical. Why then should food selection be governed by political interests? Or for that matter, why should religion interfere with one's choice of food? Unbelievable as it is, the Kerala Samajam Frankfurt, a Malayali cultural organisation in Germany, which showcased a speciality beef curry at a food festival in the meat-eating country, was forced to drop it on the instructions of the Consulate-General of India. The rationale for the ban was that "people with vested interests" had raised objections against the menu and "threatened a ruckus." So it requested the organisation to "revise" its menu and ensure "the event could be held without any incidents." Ironically, the absence of beef curry at the stall meant there were no takers either for the crispy *parotta*, the "certified vegetarian bread" meant to be had with it. In the end, our stall had to be shut down. Shamefully, it took the German police to censure our troublemakers. They made it abundantly clear that Germany did not forbid anyone from eating what they liked and such domestic concerns clearly didn't merit any attention. What the Hindu far right must understand is that we have enough international blots already and we could certainly do without one that challenges our brand of diversity and tolerance, shows us in a poor light of revisionism and makes us look hypocritical as global citizens.

The incident not only reeks of political point-scoring but also militates against the idea of having food as a basic human right. As a matter of fact, the politicisation of food has been gaining ground with some rightist advocates claiming they were just ensuring animal rights. The act of eating or choosing what to eat has never been questioned the way it is being in "New India" or punished, right from the killing of cattle farmers transporting animals on the suspicion of smuggling to cow lynchings. What are we saying, India ought to be a vegetarian nation? We should be food diplomats instead and not let the chilli get to the brain.

R Narayanan
 Mumbai

Create a base for trust

Teachers' Day is an occasion to not only recall the past but also to analyse present-day positions and think about how tradition could be reinterpreted in modern contexts



JS RAJPUT

This year, on Teachers' Day, everyone would be talking about the Draft National Education Policy (NEP), which is awaiting finalisation. People would also recall the great Indian tradition of knowledge quest, its focus on the welfare of one and all and the unparalleled respect and honor that was always bestowed on the *guru*, who leads from ignorance to knowledge, from known to unknown. In Indian scriptures, the teacher has been accorded the highest place; the *guru* is to be given the primacy even before "Govind." The teacher transforms a layperson into a personality. He/she leads human beings from "humanity" to "divinity." What more could be said about how his/her role has been widely acknowledged all along.

Teachers' Day is the occasion not only to recall the past but also to analyse the present-day position and then think on how the "glorious tradition of past" could indeed be reinterpreted in a modern-day context and envisioned on futuristic aspiration. While post-independence achievements in educational access, participation and attainments have been significant, there is no dearth of challenges and issues that need to be met and resolved. As the nation pays tribute to Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan today, one also needs to recall his oft-quoted words: "Education is a universal right and not a class privilege." Our achievements in education deserve to be judged on this parameter.

No system of education, particularly of school education, can flourish without the active and adequate presence of fully-equipped, professionally competent, motivated and inspired teachers, who are individually convinced that they are preparing not only the future generations but also the future of the country. While analysing the issues in the context of teachers in the draft NEP, the K Kasturirangan Committee in its chapter on teachers lays down the objective: "Ensure that all students at all levels are taught by passionate, motivated, highly-qualified, professionally trained and well-equipped teachers." There could be many instances in the life of all those who were lucky to get education on how some of the teachers "expand their universe of affection and love" far beyond the official realm of duties and responsibilities laid down for them in the official documents.

These repose faith in the better future of India. Practically every teacher in a multi-religious class knows how important it is to let every child know how precious he/she is to him/her. Only the teacher can, particularly in the initial stages, sow the seeds of the beauty that emerges out of "unity in diversity." Schools must become centres of social cohesion, religious amity and value nurturance. It is not a new expectation; it is part of the teaching-learning tradition all over the country. Unfortunately,



it is gradually getting diluted in times of glare and glitz of materialistic pursuit that has relegated certain sublime aspects of education to the background.

Everyone acknowledges he/she owes it to the teachers. We all owe it to our teachers. None else could play a role higher than the teacher in shaping an individual's life. On Teachers Day, it is also customary to recall one's own teachers, those who shaped the future, inculcated and nurtured values and showed the path ahead. These days, everyone in India is talking about Jammu & Kashmir.

I often recall one instance narrated to me by a very senior educationist. In a Srinagar school, around 1947-48, young Som Nath Saraf came to school after about being absent for two weeks. "Where were you, Som", asked Maulavi Sahib. The feeble response from the young child was: "My mother expired". This made Maulavi Sahib leave his seat, walk towards distraught Som with stretched hands and lift him in an affectionate embrace. With moist eyes and in a soft motherly tone, Maulavi Sahib said: "Now onwards, I am your mother." What he said became a *mantra*

for Som throughout his life. It transformed the life of SN Saraf, who rose to great heights in education, retired as the Chief of Education in the Planning Commission, a much-respected Vice Chancellor and made a significant contribution in "values in education".

In times of growing stress among students, this one act of Maulavi Sahib reflects almost all the qualities that one could expect from a *guru*. It was the continuity of this great tradition that maintained an empathetic and intense personal relationship between the teacher and the taught. There is no dearth of such motivating and inspiring instances that have been documented from scriptures and other historical texts. Acharya Chanakya picks up a boy simply after observing his talents, cares little about his background and transforms him into a mighty Emperor Chandragupta.

Yes, teachers can transform innocent individuals into great performers and achievers. The arena of sports and games presents inspiring examples of coaches, exactly on the line of narratives from achievers in fields of higher learning, dedicating their achievements to their teachers.

The *ustaaads* of musical *gharanas* also represent a tradition akin to the environment that existed in the *Gurukula*: Total devotion to learning and development of personality in all of its humane aspects.

The dictum, "No people can rise above the level of their teachers" shall remain valid, rather eternally. Further, the thought — *Yavadjeevait Adhiyate Viprah* — the wise continue to learn till the end of life was never more valid and relevant as of today and tomorrow. There shall be no place for those "teachers" who are not attuned to new knowledge and skill that is raining incessantly from all sides.

Teachers of tomorrow shall derive respect from their students only if they remain conscious of the fact that their initial education, training and skill acquisition shall not help them lifelong. As they say, only a lighted lamp can ignite others. Future teachers will have to be conscious of the changes in subject content on the one hand and the pedagogy on the other. In higher education, awareness of new advances, researches and innovations will have to become part of the curriculum after due scrutiny and examination of

their relevance.

One practice that needs to become more frequent in education is the opportunity of new and young teacher interacting intensively with the more experienced and enlightened. Training institutions must include this in their activities for the benefit of both pre-service and in-service education. Radhakrishnan said the aim of education is to prepare would-be teachers "to apprehend the eternal values, to appreciate the supreme human virtues and the simple decencies of life."

In the contemporary context, he expresses in strikingly touching terms on what should be happening in education: "We must develop the freshness of feeling for nature, the sensitivity of soul to human need. We must foster the freedom of the mind, the humanity of the heart, the integrity of the individual. Even from the nurseries, we must train human beings by unconscious influence and conscious effort to love truth, beauty and goodness." And to achieve this, we need to trust our teachers as has been the Indian tradition.

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SOUNDBITE

As far as I am concerned, I have come up one step in politics. I had never even dreamt of becoming Chief Minister. Still, (I have) got an opportunity.



Tamil Nadu CM
 —Edappadi K Palaniswami

Is Pluto a planet or a YouTube makeup *guru*? One minute you are a planet, then you are cancelled, then you are a planet again. The drama — oh, the drama.



Actor
 —Twinkle Khanna

Maybe India thinks that it should take action against us that would weaken us. We want to tell India that wars are not only fought with weapons but with patriotism.



Pak Army spokesperson
 —Asif Ghaffoor

It is true that we (Opposition parties) are slowly losing the battle of perception against BJP. They are creating a narrative according to their own political interests.



Congress leader
 —Adhir Chowdhury

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mounting problems

Sir — This refers to the report, "Market cold to reforms, banks merger" (September 4). The decline in growth is at a six-year low at five per cent. The erosion in the economy is wide ranging — banks, business, exports and job creation. The impact on every major investment, private and public, is inexorable. Unemployment rate is the highest in six years and investment and manufacturing indices have steadily dipped.

The Government is struggling to manage the economy amid global uncertainty, be it in trade, politics or monetary sectors. Its big-ticket political interventions in sensitive border States left the Cabinet with little time for addressing a highly strained economy.

The bank mergers will impose additional strain on effective monetary transmission. Even the best bureaucratic set-up would be hard put to cope without constant inter-ministerial coordination. But the Government keeps piling up issues in quick succession.

R Narayanan
 Mumbai

Mid-day meal mess

This refers to the editorial, "Shooting the messenger" (September 4). Mid-day meal scheme was launched with the twin objectives to enhance not only school enrollment of students but also to provide a nutritious diet to them. This would encourage poor parents living in villages to send their children to study in schools as they would save on the cost of providing at least one meal to their children. Undoubtedly, this initiative was good in intent but has been engulfed in controversies ever since it was rolled out in 1995.

Incidents of food poisoning, supply of sub-standard food and unhygienic cooking conditions in almost all schools in the country have all brought bad name to this scheme. In this backdrop, it is commendable that a journalist from Uttar Pradesh tried to expose the anomaly but to his shock, he was charged with criminal conspiracy. In doing so, the Yogi Adityanath Government has sent a wrong message to the people. On the one hand, it has vowed to fight corruption, on the other, its action



is in total contrast of the promise. The UP Government must take such criticism in the right spirit and ensure that an inquiry is initiated against the contractor who served *rotis* and salt to the children.

Bal Govind
 Noida

Teachers' Day

Sir — The tradition of celebrating teacher's day started in 1962 in honour of Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, whose anniversary falls on the same day. This day is dedicated to all our teachers, mentors and gurus, who guide us to be learned students and better human beings. This is also an occasion for

teachers to be proud of their profession and to think of ways to make it nobler. Radhakrishnan was a philosopher, scholar, an exemplary teacher and a politician, who dedicated his life towards education and shaping the youth of the country. For him, the issues of education and nationalism were intertwined. He was of the firm belief that a good and complete education is essential not only for the

development of an individual but can also lead to the creation of Indian solidarity and clarity of national vision. He was awarded the Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian honour in the country in 1954 and was nominated 27 times for the Nobel Prize; 16 times for the Nobel Prize in literature, and 11 times for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Jubel D'Cruz
 Mumbai

Gross injustice

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "BJP self-goal over NRC" (September 3). It is true that delay in the implementation of the Assam Accord, 1985, is responsible for the exclusion of lakhs of people in the final National Register of Citizens (NRC) list. Had the Accord been implemented in letter and spirit when it was signed, the process of updating of NRC would have been infallible as there was adequate time to select genuine citizens from the illegal immigrants from Bangladesh.

Ever since the NRC list has been out, there have been rumours that some real citizens have been excluded while other illegal immigrants have been included. The country cannot afford to deny even a single genuine citizen the right to live freely in the country. Hopes are now pinned on the foreigners tribunals who will have a tough job as generations have blended.

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FIRST COLUMN

The relevance of Sufism

While most Bangladeshis are secular, a large minority is inclined towards Islamic fundamentalism. Hence Sufism, a doctrine of universal love at a time of hate, is important



HIRANMAY KARLEKAR

Shahriar Kabir's new documentary, *Mithat's Dream: The Story of a Young Dervish of Konya*, comes when the world is facing a surge of fanatical extremist ideologies driving increasingly violent movements. While secular but retrograde ideas are also on the ascendant, religion-based fanatical doctrines are at the forefront of the fundamentalist resurgence. The most conspicuous of these is Wahhabi-Salafist Islamic fundamentalism, with its medieval social, cultural and political agenda, which has spawned organisations like the Taliban and the Islamic State and unleashed savage violence in many parts of the world.

Bangladesh is one of the affected countries. Sheikh Hasina has successfully countered the terrorism and lawlessness associated with Islamic fundamentalist terrorism, underlined by the mass killing at the Holey Artisan Bakery in Dhaka on July 1, 2016. That, however, is one part of the response needed. The other is countering its ideological challenge, which continues in Bangladesh where a number of organisations preach the Wahhabi-Salafist creed.

A significant section of Bangladesh's population is receptive to their preaching. Two questions arise here. What kind of people want to lead fanatical mass movements? What kind of people join these? In *The Fear of Freedom* (aka *Escape from Freedom*), Erich Fromm attributes the phenomena to sadism and masochism. According to him, one is a part of one's mother's world in early infancy and is wrapped in the cocoon of security it provides. As one grows out of it and faces the wider world on one's own, physical, emotional and mental developments lead to the emergence of "an organised structure guided by the individual's will and reason...one side of this growing process of individuation is the growth of self-strength." The other side is an increasing feeling of aloneness which leads to a growing feeling of insecurity as one faces on one's own the world with "all its perilous and over-powering aspects."

According to Fromm, the way to overcome this feeling of loneliness and insecurity "is to relate spontaneously to the world in love and work, in the genuine expression of one's emotional, sensuous and intellectual capacities." Not many are able to do this. They seek security in sadistic domination and/or masochistic submission. According to Fromm, "All the different forms of sadism go back to one simple impulse, namely, to have complete mastery over another person, to make him a helpless object of our will, to become the absolute ruler over him, to become his God, to do with him as one pleases." Fromm further writes, "the annihilation of the individual self and the attempt to overcome thereby the unbearable feeling of powerlessness are only one side of masochistic strivings. The other side is the attempt to become a part of a bigger and more powerful whole outside of oneself, to submerge and participate in it. This power can be a person or an institution, God, the nation, conscience or a psychic compulsion. By surrendering, one loses one's strength and integrity as an individual and freedom but one gets a new security and new pride in the participation in the power in which one submerges."

Fromm points out that both sadistic and masochistic tendencies can be present in the same person. Both facilitate the rise of fundamentalist and totalitarian mass movements—the former by inclining people to dominate others and exercise total control over the movements and their followers and the latter by inducing submission. Bangladesh is haunted by memories of genocide and mass rape unleashed by the Pakistan Army during the 1971 liberation war, the repression unleashed by the military dictatorships and civilian regimes fronting for the Army that ruled between Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's assassination in 1975 and Sheikh Hasina's first innings in power (1996-2001), and the largescale fundamentalist violence witnessed when the coalition government between Bangladesh Nationalist Party and the Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh, which Begum Khaleda Zia headed from 2001 to 2006, was in power. The feeling of collective insecurity born of all this is compounded by other factors like poverty and vulnerability to natural disasters.

The military dictatorships and the BNP-led governments had suppressed all references to Sheikh Mujib's and the Awami League's role during the liberation war, amended the 1972 constitution, destroying its secular character and actively promoted fundamentalist parties like the Jamaat. As a result, while the majority in Bangladesh remain secular and tolerant, a large minority is now inclined toward Islamic fundamentalism and the violence and terror it spawns.

On the ideological plane, this trend has to be fought by projecting the idea of a secular Bangladesh and liberal and moderate face of Islam. Hence the importance of Sufism with its message of universal love. Shahriar Kabir, along with executive producer Kasi Mukul, help to bring this message to the fore through *Mithat's Dream: The Story of a Young Dervish of Konya*, an audio-visual narrative that transcends the frontiers of an individual's life and focusses on the ethos and doctrinal contours of the faith. Their effort is particularly relevant in the case of Bangladesh which has a strong Sufi tradition since the time of Hazrat Shah Jalal. A disciple of one of the greatest exponents of Sufism, Maulana Jalaluddin Rumi (1207-2073), he travelled to what is now Bangladesh in 1303 and settled down in Sylhet. The film needs to be widely viewed.

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POINTCOUNTERPOINT

THE CONGRESS IS NOT GOING TO BE INTIMIDATED. AS THE PREMIER POLITICAL PARTY OF THE COUNTRY, WE WILL CONTINUE TO ASK HARD QUESTIONS.

—CONGRESS MP
MANISH TEWARI



NEVER WAS DEMOCRACY IN DANGER... NOW CONGRESS LEADERS ARE UNDER SCRUTINY... DEMOCRACY GETS ADMITTED TO ICU....

—BJP GENERAL SECRETARY
BL SANTHOSH

Much ado about surplus

The tussle over surfeit transfer has clipped the Centre's wings as in future, being bound to the Economic Capital Framework, RBI will continue to keep a tight leash on funds



UTTAM GUPTA

On the face of it, the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) decision to transfer a whopping surplus of ₹176,000 crore to the Government of India (GOI) for its accounting year July 2018-June 2019 gives the impression that the latter has got a bonanza.

While, some argue that the Centre has "stolen" a humungous amount from India's apex bank, which manages the currency and payment systems as also the borrowings of the Centre and States, others aver that this is easy money which the Centre will use for bridging its fiscal deficit. The reactions are exaggerated.

Out of ₹176,000 crore, the Union Government had already received ₹28,000 crore as interim dividend (announced by the RBI in February, 2019) which was accounted for in its financial year (FY) April 2018-March 2019. Minus this, the amount it will receive during the current FY is ₹148,000 crore. Further, in the Union Budget for 2019-20, the Finance Minister had accounted for ₹90,000 crore as receipt from the apex bank while projecting its total receipt and expenditure and the resulting fiscal deficit for the year. So, the net accretion, or bonanza as many prefer to call, is just about ₹58,000 crore.

This amount does not even fully cover the ₹70,000 crore that Nirmala Sitharaman has promised to give upfront during the current FY as yet another dose of recapitalisation to Public Sector Banks (PSBs) to enable them to resume lending on the intended scale and help revive the sagging economy. Significantly, the promised ₹70,000 crore recapitalisation fund is on top of the ₹250,000 crore already given in the last four years to PSBs under project Indradhanush, to shore up their capital.

So forget about any help in making up for the massive shortfall in tax revenue (considering that growth during 2018-19 was a mere six per cent and the current FY may end with a deficit of ₹100,000 crore plus) or clearing deferred payments on major subsidies on food, fertilisers and fuel (about ₹140,000 crore) as is being speculated in some quarters.

Look at things from the RBI's perspective. The transfer of ₹176,000 crore is in two parts. First, ₹123,000 crore is the surplus generated from its operations which saw a huge increase during 2018-19 and is being transferred in totality. (Typically, the RBI's income comes from the returns it earns on its Foreign Currency Assets (FCAs) in the form of bonds and Treasury Bills of other central banks as also earnings from holding of domestic bonds and securities.)

This transfer is in sync with the policy followed during the last five years when the RBI transferred 100 per cent of the surplus to the Centre and the transfers during 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, were ₹65,900 crore, ₹40,600 crore and ₹58,000 crore, respectively.

In 2016-17, the amount dipped due to steep increase in cost of printing notes cour-



tesy the November 2016 demonetisation and some provision for transfer to contingency reserve, a risk buffer to tackle contingencies.

The second part, about ₹53,000 crore, is the excess of the realised equity capital, which is the difference between the current 6.8 per cent of the assets and minimum Contingency Reserves needed to be kept as risk buffer. This threshold is fixed at 5.5 per cent being the lower end of the 5.5-6.5 per cent range recommended by the Dr Bimal Jalan Committee on Economic Capital Framework (ECF).

The committee was set up by the RBI late last year in the wake of a raging controversy over the quantum of surplus transfer with the mandarins in the Finance Ministry gunning for a major slice of its reserves citing global benchmark (according to former Chief Economic Adviser, Arvind Subramanian, the quantum identified as excess and hence transferable to the Centre could be a high of about ₹300,000 crore) and the then RBI Governor Urjit Patel refusing to yield. This was a major factor leading to the resignation of Patel.

Clearly, the transfer is not something which RBI was bulldozed into giving as alleged in some quarters. It is based on the recommendations of the Jalan Committee which considered all relevant factors — including potential threats from financial shocks, the need to ensure financial stability and provide confidence to the markets — before arriving at the threshold of 5.5-6.5 per cent. Some critics have objected to

using 5.5 per cent instead of the upper end 6.5 per cent (if, the RBI had used 6.5 per cent, the transferable amount would have been lower by about ₹42,000 crore, which corresponds to extra one per cent of the assets having to go to the Contingency Reserve).

This criticism does not hold water as the calculation in no way violates the committee's prescribed range and the RBI is well within its right to pick up any figure as long as it falls within it. Even so, a ₹53,000 crore surplus, computed at 5.5 per cent being transferred from out of existing reserves is one-sixth of the amount which the Finance Ministry was looking for. More importantly, the RBI now has an institutionalised mechanism to prevent the Centre from grabbing as much as it wishes. For 2019-20, even if the threshold is retained at 5.5 per cent, an increase in balance sheet size by itself will force the bank to set aside some funds from the surplus generated during the year to comply with the Contingency Reserve requirement.

In case, the RBI board decides to go for provisioning at 6.5 per cent, then it might as well use a bigger slice or the whole of the surplus for Contingency Reserve compliance, leaving very little or nothing for transfer to the Centre.

The ECF will remain in force for five years (any prior review could be done only under extreme circumstances say, global turbulence or domestic financial crisis) which imparts a degree of stability to the mechanism. Besides, other recommendations of

the committee, like doing away with the practice of interim dividend and changing the accounting year of the RBI to make it synchronous with that of the Centre, will also help in bringing better control and discipline in the financial transactions between the two.

To sum up, the protracted tussle between the RBI and the Centre over the surplus transfer by the former has ended up clipping the latter's wings.

Not only has the Government's hope of garnering a big slice of the bank's accumulated reserves been dashed, for the future, being bound to the ECF, the RBI will continue to keep a tight leash on surplus transfer. That should end misconception, if any, in the mind of mandarins in the Finance Ministry that they could use the apex bank as a milch cow to plug its ballooning fiscal deficit.

The message is loud and clear. Instead of banking on easy options such as surplus funds from its undertakings (often extracted as special dividend, or divestment of shares at huge premium), recourse to Extra-Budgetary Resources or deferment of payments etc, the Centre should concentrate on making credible efforts to manage its fiscal health. It should carry out reforms in critical sectors such as food, fertilisers, fuel and electricity to improve efficiencies, reduce cost and rein in diversion of funds. It also needs to implement tax reforms to plug leakages and boost collection.

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Crying need for environmental research

The collective efforts of global powers are unable to slow down climate change or make much of a difference to degradation of the environment. This is where experimentation can play a pivotal role in battling these issues



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is still one area which remains neglected and needs urgent attention of scientists.

The environment, climate change and deterioration of ecological habitats are major areas of concern for the global citizen. No matter what country you belong to and where you reside, climate change is touching your life in some way or the other. For instance, every country now has to bear the economic impact unleashed by climate change as agricultural incomes fall victim to the vagaries of the weather. Additionally, the rapid rise in extreme weather events has played spoilsport for businesses across the world, causing millions of dollars worth of damages.

These developments once considered an aberration are now, routine. The collective efforts of global powers are unable to slow climate change or make much of a difference to degradation of the environment. This is where experimentation can play a pivotal role.

The eminence of advance study in environmental conservation was

also recognised at the opening day of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) 14th Conference of Parties (COP 14) on September 2, 2019. The UNCCD agreed that research could hold the key for global land restoration provided there's a concerted effort and collaboration among scientists, governments and farming communities of the world. This collaboration, if ensured, can change the face of humanity's battle with climate change.

The experts at UNCCD cited the example of Africa, where adding analysis to farmer-led initiatives have contributed to adoptable innovations in Ethiopia's Amhara region. According to a statement by International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), these innovations aided in the development of physical and biological barriers, which controlled extreme events upstream and run-offs downstream. The structures also opened new avenues for farming and restored degraded lands in the region.

These innovations were put to use on a trial basis at various levels with assistance and collaboration with local and nomadic communities. For the first time, these communities were producing food crops and fodder. A long-standing problem was not only managed but also taken advantage of.

In India, development and management of watersheds helped reclaim degraded lands. The Parasas-Sindh watershed in Uttar Pradesh (UP) developed by ICRISAT and partners from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), reportedly helped increase area under cultivation, crop and milk yields and triple farm household incomes in Jhansi.

Integrated watershed development, involving agro-forestry also helped to control erosion and enable farmers to achieve food and economic security. It is important in the context of increasing dependence of Indian agriculture on groundwater. For all these efforts and subjects, analysis plays an important and critical role. Additionally, in order to

achieve the UN-mandated Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 15.3) of restoring degraded land and soil by 2030, there is a need for synergy between scientists, farming communities and their institutions that are land users and managers. Research can help restoration initiatives to scale up globally but only if farmers, their livelihoods and communities are at the heart of such initiatives. This is what India must become an expert at. If India can accomplish the art of collaboration, it can become a global coordinator of talent and expertise. This in turn will help shed light on donor priority for land restoration, land management strategies in the backdrop of Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) framework, the role of policy and governance in land regeneration and role of nations in a region's land restoration agenda.

India is currently facing the spectre of desertification and land degradation that are major threats to agricultural productivity. According to the *State of India's Environment 2017 In Figures*, a book by the

Centre for Science and Environment, desertification plagues 90 per cent of Indian States.

Out of the total 328.72 million hectares (MHA) of India's geographical area, 96.4 MHA is threatened by desertification. In the last 10 years, 26 of 29 Indian States have reported an increase in the area undergoing desertification. Around 40 to 70 per cent of the land has undergone desertification in Rajasthan, Delhi, Goa, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Nagaland, Tripura and Himachal Pradesh.

With such high stakes, India cannot afford to lose more to environmental degradation and climate change. This downward spiral must be arrested with research. Given the rich pool of excellent talent the country has, India must set up a global club of researchers, who can help the global community bring about the much-required difference in the battle against climate change. This in turn will also make India the epicenter for environmental research.

(The writer is an environmental journalist)



FOREIGN EYE



TRUMP WANTS TO COLONISE SPACE!

Fresh from his bungled attempt to expand America's frontiers by buying Greenland, US President Donald Trump is now suggesting the US has a right to colonise outer space, treating it as a free-fire zone for unlimited superpower competition in "the next war-fighting domain." Trump has watched too many repeats of *Independence Day*. The universe does not belong to America. (The Guardian Editorial)

RBI asks banks to link lending rate to external benchmark



PTI ■ MUMBAI The RBI on Wednesday asked banks to link all new floating-rate loans for housing, personal and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to specified external benchmarks, including repo, for faster transmission of reduction in interest rate to borrowers.

It has been observed that due to various reasons, the transmission of policy rate changes to the lending rate of banks under the current marginal cost of funds based lending rate (MCLR) framework

Google to pay \$170 mn fine for sharing YouTube data from kids

AFP ■ WASHINGTON Google agreed Wednesday to pay USD 170 million to settle charges that it illegally collected and shared data from children on its YouTube video service, a deal critics said was too soft on the internet giant. The settlement with the Federal Trade Commission and the New York state Attorney General is the largest amount in a case involving the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, a 1998 federal law, officials said.

Microsoft president pens book on impact of Artificial Intelligence, rising cyberattacks

PTI ■ NEW DELHI What is the impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on our lives? How can we combat increasing cyberattacks? Is the threat to digital privacy real? Microsoft president Brad Smith answers these worrying questions of the present day tech-driven society in his new book, "Tools and Weapons: The Promise and the Peril of The Digital Age."

Business Corner



For the financial year 2018-19, NTPC Ltd. has paid final dividend of ₹2,473.64 crore, being 25% of the paid-up equity share capital of the Company.



VK Shukla, Executive Director of IndianOil inaugurated the free eye check-up camps organised for the contract workers like house helps, drivers, maintenance workers, security guards, etc at the Divisional Headquarters and in IOC Residential Colony in the city benefitting 300 needy people.

NCLAT sets aside liquidation of Sterling Biotech

New Delhi: The NCLAT has set aside NCLT order to liquidate Sterling Biotech, and directed that the management should be handed over to its promoters if the dues of creditors are settled. Promoters of the company include absconding Nitin Jayantilal Sandesara and Chetankumar Jayantilal Sandesara.

₹ rebounds 27 paise to 72.12 against US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI The Indian rupee clawed back some lost ground on Wednesday, gaining 27 paise to settle at 72.12 against the US dollar in line with a recovery in domestic equities.

NCLAT asks Jet Airways IRP to cooperate with Dutch Court Administrator

PTI ■ NEW DELHI The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) has directed the Resolution Professional of Jet Airways to cooperate with the Dutch Court Administrator, which is also conducting insolvency proceedings against the debt-ridden carrier.



Yash Paul Bhola has taken over as director (finance) in NFL on Tuesday. Prior to this, he was the executive director of finance in the company.



The Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation has taken a positive initiative for the maintenance and upkeep of the Ashriti Gauravansh. In this regard, an institute called the Society of People for Animal Welfare has been set up.

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Leasing of space in SLR Compartments of different trains over Howrah Division No. COM/PARCEL/LEASING/CLP/OT/2019 Howrah, Date: 03.09.2019 Railway Administration invites e-Tender for 36 SLR compartments (3.9 Ton/4.0 Ton) in different Mail/Express/ Passenger Trains from registered leaseholders of Howrah Division.

Toys R Us opens store in Mahagun Metro Mall

Ghaziabad: Tablez, a retail group has launched Toys R Us in Ghaziabad at Mahagun Metro Mall. This is the ninth store of Toys R Us in India after store launched in Chennai, Kerala, Bengaluru and Pune recently.

India needs ₹19 lakh cr for highways in 5 years, needs innovative financing: KPMG

PTI ■ NEW DELHI India has the second-largest road network in the world and the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) is planning to develop about 60,000 km of highways in the next five years.

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IL&FS case: HC stays proceedings against audit firm BSR at NCLT

Mumbai: The Bombay High Court on Wednesday stayed proceedings against BSR and Associates LLP, former auditor of IL&FS Financial Services, before the National Company Law Tribunal.

TEAMLEASE SERVICES LAUNCHES INITIATIVE TO AID EASE OF DOING BUSINESS

New Delhi: India's vision to becoming a \$5 trillion economy needs a more fertile habitat for formal job creation. This Ease-of-Doing-Business goal coincides with concerns about the ability of employer's in-house capabilities to keep up with the scale, complexity of India's regulatory environment - 15 changes a day to 58,000+ compliance rules and 3000+ returns across 1000+ Act.

Sensex recovers 162 pts; auto stocks cap gains

AGENCIES ■ MUMBAI/HONG KONG

Day after the massive plunge, the BSE benchmark Sensex on Wednesday recovered by nearly 162 points on emergence of buying mainly in metal and banking counters, but the gains were capped by auto stocks.

Likewise, the NSE gauge Nifty rose 47 points to settle above the key 10,800-mark. After swinging 367 points in a highly volatile session, the 30-share index ended 161.83 points, or 0.44 per cent, higher at 36,724.74. It hit an intra-day high of 36,776.31 and low of 36,409.54.

The broader Nifty, after opening on a flat note in the morning, traded in the range of 10,858.75 and 10,746.35 during the session. It finally ended the day with 46.75 points, or 0.43 per cent, gains at 10,844.65.

Top gainers in the Sensex pack included Bharti Airtel, SBI, Tata Steel, Vedanta, NTPC, HDFC Bank, HCL Tech, ONGC, ICICI Bank and L&T, which rose up to 2.97 per cent. On the other hand, Maruti was the biggest laggard, plunging 3.64 per cent after the company announced a two-

day suspension of its manufacturing operations at its Gurugram and Manesar plants in Haryana.

Sun Pharma, Tata Motors, Asian Paints, IndusInd Bank, M&M, Bajaj Auto and RIL too fell up to 2.97 per cent.

On Tuesday, the BSE Sensex had dropped 770 points and the NSE Nifty dived over 225 points after investors indulged in panic selloffs amid sustained worries over the country's economic health.

The benchmark indices also saw their biggest intra-day plunge in nearly 11 months. On Wednesday's recovery in Indian equities, analysts said domestic market recovered tracking positive global cues.

Meanwhile, Asian markets rose on Wednesday, led by a surge in Hong Kong after reports said the city's leader was considering agreeing to a key demand of pro-democracy protesters, fuelling hopes for an end to months of damaging protests in the financial hub.

Shares rallied 3.90 per cent across the board on the Hang Seng Index after the reports, with property and retail firms among the best performers, having taken a

hiding over the past few weeks as the demonstrations were increasingly dogged by violence.

Shanghai Composite Index, Nikkei and Kospi too ended up to 1.16 per cent higher.

On other markets Tokyo ended 0.1 per cent higher, Singapore added 1.4 per cent, Seoul climbed 1.4 per cent and Taipei added 0.9 per cent. Manila, Wellington, and Bangkok also posted strong gains.

In early trade London rose 0.3 per cent, Paris gains 0.8 per cent and Frankfurt was up one per cent.

The pound continued its recovery from Tuesday's plunge, with Britain preparing for another general election. Sterling at one point plunged to USD 1.1959 Tuesday — its weakest level since 1985 except for a 2016 "flash crash" — but rebounded as traders bet Johnson's loss would take a no-deal divorce off the table. Most economists say such a scenario would hammer the British economy.

The Indian rupee appreciated 34 paise (intra-day) to trade at 72.05 per US dollar. Global oil benchmark Brent crude rose 0.39 per cent to 58.48 per barrel (intra-day).

Reliance Jio to provide free set-top box with every broadband connection

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Telecom operator Reliance Jio is likely to provide free set-top box with its every broadband connection to woo direct-to-home and cable TV customers, according to a source privy to the development.

Billionaire Mukesh Ambani-led company is slated to launch optical fibre-based JioFibre broadband service from September 5.

"All JioFibre customers will get complimentary set-top box," the source said. Reliance Industries Chairman and Managing Director Mukesh Ambani has announced that JioFibre customers will get free voice calls for life from landline, 100 megabit (mbps) to 1 gigabit per second broadband speed for subscription starting from ₹700 a month and a free HD TV set on commitment to an annual plan.

According to the source, JioFibre customers will have access to movies and other video content of leading entertainment mobile apps, whose subscription fee will be bundled in the monthly broadband connection rates and no separate charges will be levied. "The STB will also provide video calling service on TV

sets. The customer will need to attach a camera with the STB for the service," the source said.

Email query sent to Reliance Jio did not elicit any reply.

According to experts, JioFibre is likely to dent business of direct-to-home players. Early this week, Bharti Airtel announced a new STB for ₹3,999 on Xstream platform to offer content of video streaming mobile apps, except few leading over-the-top players, including Netflix, Amazon Prime Videos and Hotstar.

The Sunil Bharti Mittal-led company has offered complimentary access to entertainment streaming applications like ZEE5, Hooq, Hoi Choi, Eros Now, HungamaPlay, ShemarooMe, Ultra and Curiosity Stream for first year after which customers can continue their subscription by paying annual fee of ₹999. The STB can also be connected with Airtel's DTH service for accessing live TV channels.

According to the source, some of the entertainment content available on Bharti Airtel will also be available on JioFibre. Jio already has a tie-up with Hotstar for mobile devices and partially owns Eros Now.

H-Energy, Petronet sign deals to buy Russian LNG

PTI ■ VLADIVOSTOK

Indian firms H-Energy and Petronet LNG on Wednesday signed agreements to buy liquefied natural gas from Russian gas producer Novatek on long-term contracts as they looked to vast reserves in the Arctic for meeting energy needs of Asia's third-largest economy.

The separate agreements envisage the possibility of Indian firms picking up stake in Novatek's LNG export projects in the Arctic.

Mumbai-based realtor Hiranandani Group's energy arm H-Energy signed an agreement to buy long-term liquefied natural gas (LNG) from Novatek's Arctic projects as well as looked at investing in LNG project of the Russian firm, its CEO Darshan Hiranandani told PTI.

Also, part of the agreement is Novatek exploring possibility investing in three LNG import terminals H-Energy is building on the west and east coast of India, he said.

Separately, Novatek also signed an MoU with Petronet LNG Ltd for future natural gas cooperation.

The deals were announced hours after Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived here on Wednesday for summit talks with Russian President Vladimir

Putin.

"The MoU envisages delivering LNG supplies from Novatek's portfolio to the Indian market, including natural gas supplies for power generation, as well as investment by Petronet LNG in Novatek's future LNG projects and the joint marketing of LNG as motor fuel in India, including joint investment in developing a network of filling stations and a fleet of LNG-fuelled trucks," the Russian firm said in a statement.

Without disclosing the quantity signed, Hiranandani said the MoU locks in "substantial" quantity of LNG.

"We are very excited about the signing of the MoU," he said, adding the MoU provides for H-Energy partnering Novatek in Arctic LNG 2.

It also provides for establishing a joint venture to market LNG and natural gas from Novatek's portfolio to end-customers in India, Bangladesh, and other markets.

"The agreement is for bringing supplies in India and Bangladesh through H-Energy's terminals in Jaigarh (in Maharashtra), Kakinada (in Andhra Pradesh) and Haldia (in West Bengal)," he said.

Hiranandani said the Jaigarh LNG project will be completed by end of the year and work on the other two pro-

jects will start in mid-2020.

H-Energy is laying two pipelines - one from Jaigarh to Mangalore and Kannai Chatta to Shrirampur - for transporting the imported fuel to consumers.

"India's rapid economic growth requires increasing demand for all sources of energy and, primarily, for natural gas as the most environmentally friendly type of fuel. Moreover, the conversion of modal transport to LNG enables India to significantly reduce carbon emissions, thereby contributing to India's commitment toward reducing its impact on climate change," said Leonid Mikhelson, Novatek's Chairman of the Management Board.

Novatek's low-cost production from future Arctic LNG projects ensures competitively priced LNG supplies to most regions of the world, he said, adding India is one of the largest and fastest-growing LNG markets and will be one of the main sources of future growth in global demand for natural gas.

He said the MoUs are important steps towards entering the end-customer market in India, which "is of great interest to Novatek taking into account our strategic plans to implement new LNG projects and significantly increase our LNG production volumes".

BSE 500

NIFTY 50

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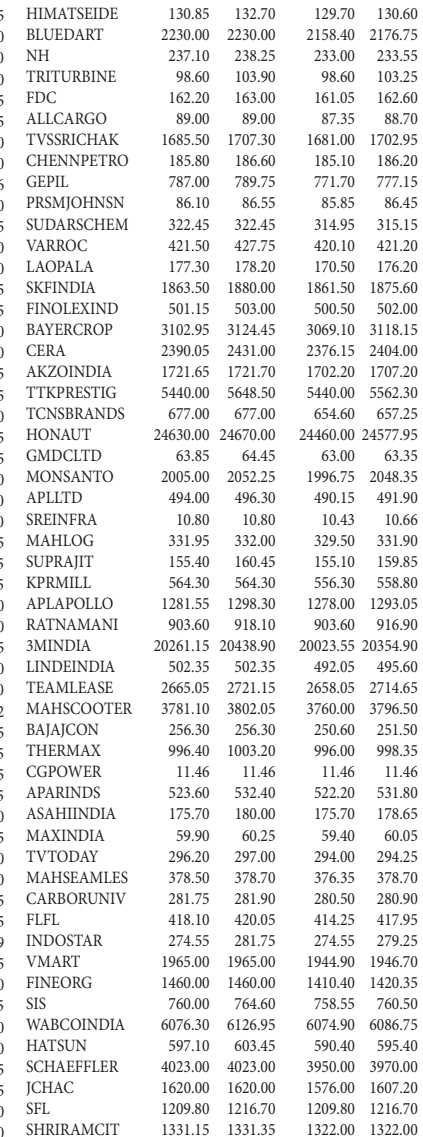
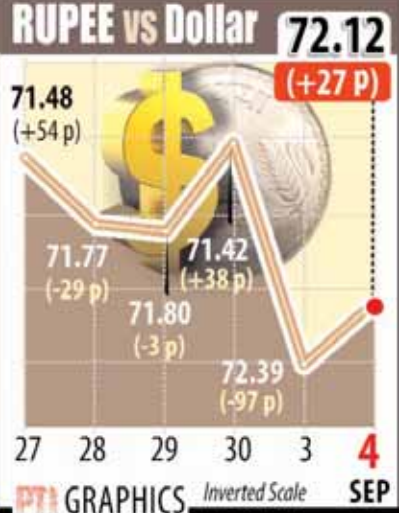
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Hong Kong withdraws loathed extradition law

AFP ■ HONG KONG

Hong Kong's leader on Wednesday bowed to a key demand of pro-democracy protesters...



People pay their respects for protesters who were injured on Aug 31 outside Prince Edward station in Hong Kong on Wednesday

Millions of people have taken to Hong Kong's streets since June in the biggest challenge to China's rule...

After refusing for months to permanently withdraw the bill, which aimed to allow extradition of criminal suspects...

Initial reports in the local media flagging Lam's announcement raised hopes that giving in to the extradition demand could help end the crisis...

Hong Kong's stock market climbed nearly four percent in afternoon trade after the reports emerged.

But those hopes were quickly tempered, with pro-democracy activists voicing anger and determination to press on with their broader democracy campaign.

"Too little, too late," said Joshua Wong, a prominent activist who was arrested late last week as part of a police swoop on leading pro-democ-

racy figures. "We urge the world too to (be) alert (to) this tactic and not to be deceived by HK and Beijing Govt..."

The protests were sparked by opposition to Lam's extradition legislation, which was seen as another erosion of the liberties enjoyed in Hong Kong compared with authoritarian mainland China.

Boris faces new Brexit battle after stinging defeat

AFP ■ LONDON

Prime Minister Boris Johnson headed into a fresh Brexit showdown in parliament on Wednesday after being dealt a stinging defeat over his promise to get Britain out of the EU at any cost next month.

The Conservative leader said he wanted an early general election on October 15 if lawmakers vote against him again on Wednesday and force him to seek a three-month Brexit extension from Brussels with a new law.

"I will never allow that," Johnson said, calling the draft law a "surrender bill".

Johnson argues that his threat to take Britain out of the EU with or without a divorce deal on October 31 will eventually force the bloc's 27 other leaders to agree better terms.

His critics counter that Johnson is playing with fire because of the economic damage such a breakup could cause after almost half a century of close ties with Britain's closest neighbours.

The European Commission also on Wednesday said the risk of a no-deal Brexit had increased, warning that it saw no alternative to the current withdrawal deal.

EU sceptical new Brexit deal can be struck by Oct 31

AFP ■ BRUSSELS

A senior European source Apoured cold water Wednesday on Prime Minister Boris Johnson's hopes of negotiating a new Brexit agreement with EU leaders next month before Britain leaves the bloc.

Amid political chaos in London, Johnson has suggested that he could seek a new or revised withdrawal agreement when he attends the October 17 and 18 European Council leaders' summit in Brussels.

Iran to declare new cut in nuke commitments: Rouhani

AFP ■ TEHRAN

President Hassan Rouhani said Wednesday that Iran will announce a new step in scaling back its



nuclear commitments within two days despite a diplomatic push for relief from US sanctions. "I don't think that... We will reach a deal so we'll take the third step and we will announce the details today or tomorrow," Rouhani was quoted as saying on the presidency website.

Bahamas toll rises to 7 as Hurricane Dorian crawls along US coast

AFP ■ NASSAU (BAHAMAS)

Weakening slightly but still packing a powerful punch, Hurricane Dorian churned along the southeastern coast of the United States on Tuesday as the storm's death toll in the Bahamas rose to seven.

Bahamas Prime Minister Hubert Minnis termed Dorian "one of the greatest national crises in our country's history," announcing the updated toll and saying that it would likely rise further.

"We can expect more deaths to be recorded—this is just preliminary information," Minnis told journalists.

As the storm moved away from the Bahamas, more accounts of the suffering it inflicted began to emerge.

Water "came over the roof. I would imagine 21 feet (six meters) at least. We were doing

all right until the water kept coming up and all the appliances were going around the house like a washing machine," crab fisherman Howard Armstrong told CNN.

"My poor little wife got hypothermia and she was standing on top of the kitchen cabinets until they disintegrated... I kept with her and she just drowned on me," said Armstrong, who eventually made it to his boat.

Aerial footage of Great Abaco Island in the Bahamas broadcast by CNN showed scenes of catastrophic damage, with hundreds of homes missing roofs, overturned cars, widespread flooding and debris strewn all over.

"Parts of Abaco are decimated. There's severe flooding, there's severe damage to homes, businesses, other buildings and infrastructure," said Minnis.

US slaps sanctions on Iran shipping network over Syria oil

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

The United States on Wednesday imposed sanctions on a shipping network it said was run by Iran's Revolutionary Guards, saying it sold millions of barrels of oil to benefit Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

The sanctions on 16 entities, 10 people and 11 vessels were announced just as Iran was threatening to cut further its commitments under a nuclear deal unless the United States eases its pressure.

The Treasury Department said that the Qods Force, a unit of the elite Revolutionary Guards responsible for external operations, had backed both Assad and its Lebanese ally Hezbollah through crude oil shipments, mostly to Syria.

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Trend Blazer

Priyanka to star in The White Tiger

Actor PRIYANKA CHOPRA will be collaborating with actor Rajkumar Rao for the first time on Netflix's forthcoming film *The White Tiger*.

"I'm so excited to work with Ramin Bahrani and Netflix to bring Aravind Adiga's poignant story to cinematic life. When I read the book, I was fascinated with the perspective of the narrative. The story's portrayal of raw ambition and the extent one will go to achieve one's goals is riveting. I look forward to filming this in India this fall, and also working along with Rajkumar for the first time and the wonderful cast Ramin is putting together," Priyanka said.



'I am quite nervous. But nervousness is what is so exciting. The fact that I haven't done something

like this before, a character of a young surrogate mother, the fact that it's so away from me and it's got emotions I have never experienced, is what is challenging. But at this point of time, I want to do something different, take a risk and push the envelope.'

—Kriti Sanon

It has been almost three years for Punjabi rockstar DILJIT DOSANJH in Bollywood. He says the reason he does not do too many films is because he feels all of them does not "suit" him.



"It's not that I choose everything right but a lot of offers do come my way and I can't take up all of them because some don't suit me, even if the film is good," he said.

Now, the singer-actor is busy shooting for the Raj Mehta-directed *Good News*, a comic family drama co-starring Akshay Kumar, Kareena Kapoor and Kiara Advani.

Ariana Grande sues Forever 21

Pop star ARIANA GRANDE has filed a lawsuit against Forever 21, accusing the fashion brand of using a look-alike model in a promotional campaign.

She has claimed that the campaign appears to be inspired by her *7 rings* music video.

The singer is asking for \$10 million for the supposed misappropriation.

In the complaint, Grande has alleged that after she declined to participate in an endorsement deal in early 2019, Forever 21 and its sister brand, Riley Rose, used her "name, likeness and other intellectual property to promote their brands for free."

She had turned down the deal because the compensation offered by Forever 21 for proposed social media marketing was "insufficient for an artist of her nature."



TO TEACHERS, WITH LOVE

On a day which recognises the seminal contribution of educators who have shaped our lives, a look at some who lit the silver screen and told us that learning needs to extend beyond textbooks and classroom walls. By TEAM VIVA

From changing roles as a mentor to a guide and to a friend, a teacher plays an important role in shaping the life of a child. There are some films which have walked around the relationship of a teacher and a student giving an insight into how a teacher is so much more than just a "knowledge-giver". They inspire you in a million ways to bring that extraordinary element alive or might make you understand the realities of life over a moral science lecture.

CHALK N DUSTER

The film describes an emotional journey of two teachers whose passion and love for teaching bonds them in a special relationship with their students. It speaks out loud about different issues of the education system. There is conflict between teachers and management when it decides to pass on the chairman's wand to an ambitious lady. Generally teachers follow orders from the management but here it pushes their role. They give core importance to the students over everything. In the present system, the emphasis is on bookish learning and the excellence of a student is calibrated by conducting written tests and interviews. *Chalk n Duster* subtly touches upon these issues and steps forward with an attempt to bring some change.

DEAD POETS SOCIETY

The film revolves around an enigmatic and unconventional teacher, John Keating (Robin Williams) who turns the lives of his students upside down. It revolves around the theme of contemplating life from a different perspective. The teacher uses unorthodox methods to reach out to his students, who face enormous pressures from their parents and the school. With Keating's help, students Neil Perry, Todd Anderson and others learn to break out of their shells and pursue their dreams. He inspires his students to look at poetry with a different perspective of authentic knowledge and feelings.

FREEDOM WRITERS

The film revolves around a young teacher who inspires her class to learn tolerance, use their potential to the fullest and pursue education beyond high school. As the year goes along, she explores different dynamics and projects to show her students that they are capable of touching the sky. Therefore, she asks them to write about their lives and what they want their teacher to know about them, in a notebook. Through this, she wants each of them to reach their goals and make them believe in themselves no matter what situation they will face throughout their lives. During the course, the teacher faces various obstacles but that did not put her down as she was firm enough to bring a change in her students' life.

THE CLASS

Teacher Francois Marin and his colleagues teach at a racially mixed high

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DEAD POETS SOCIETY



THE CLASS



TO SIR, WITH LOVE



school and discuss about their perspectives with respect to students, both good and bad. They collectively want to inspire their students, but each teacher is an individual who will do things in his or her own way to achieve the results they desire. They also have various viewpoints on the students, and how best to praise and discipline them. The administration of the school tries to be as fair as possible, which includes having student representatives sit on the student evaluation committee.

FINDING FORRESTER

This is a story about the transformation and redemption of students through the power of writing and reading. Rob Brown plays Jamal, a young African-American male who has won a scholarship to a prestigious prep school. He has got the brains to go, but he also is a fantastic basketball player. When he meets up with Mr Forrester, an eccentric old man who lives alone as a hermit, he finds a surprisingly kindred spirit. The two develop a relationship that benefits both of them, as the teacher eventually learns from his student and a young writing prodigy finds a mentor in a reclusive author.

TO SIR, WITH LOVE

Mark Thackeray, an immigrant to Britain from British Guiana via California, is offered a teaching post at North Quay Secondary School in the tough East End of London. Thackeray learns from the staff that most pupils have been rejected from other schools and their antics drove their last teacher to resign. The pupils live up to their reputation and their antics progress from disruptive behavior to distasteful pranks. Thackeray retains his calm manner but a turning point comes when he becomes very angry and then changes his approach. He informs the students that he will treat them as adults and allow them to discuss issues of their own choosing for the remainder of the term. Thackeray gradually wins the class over.

MONA LISA SMILE

While most teacher-student films are biased in favour of men where both the students as well as the teacher who turns their life around is a male, this is certainly the exception. In 1953, Katherine Ann Watson (Julia Roberts), a 30-year-old graduate student in the department of Art History at UCLA and Oakland State, takes a position teach-

ing "History of Art" at Wellesley College, a conservative women's private liberal arts college in Massachusetts. At her first class, Katherine discovers that her students have already memorised the entire textbook and syllabus, so she uses the classes to introduce them to Modern Art and encourages discussion about topics such as what makes good art. Katherine comes to know her students and seeks to inspire them to achieve more than marriage to eligible young men.

HICHKI

The film revolves around the story of a teacher who turns her most daunting weakness into her biggest strength. She suffers from Tourette Syndrome and lands up with her dream job as a teacher in an elite schools. She realises that the class she has been assigned to comprises underprivileged students who are defiant and impish. Despite facing a few problems initially, she ensures that her students realise their true potential and defy all the odds. A believer, a motivator and an inspiration, Naina Mathur (Rani Mukherji) is hands down one of the best teachers seen in Bollywood films. Her challenges and struggles to make these children win-

ners in their lives which defines the role of a true teacher.

PAATHSHALA

The film depicts the story of one who leads other teachers and students to revolt against the school management. During the course, it shows the friendly relationship between the teacher and students and stresses on how tyranny-free environment is crucial for the development of a child. The messages are relevant and mirror some unpalatable truths of our society — the state of teachers in our country and how poorly rewarded they are. It also shows that the modern infrastructure in schools doesn't necessarily mean progressive thought.

TAARE ZAMEEN PAR

It is a story of a child who suffers from dyslexia, because of which he is unable to cope with his routinely activities, during his early childhood. His life changes when his teacher (Aamir Khan), explains the problem to the child's parents and gradually puts in efforts to improve his life. His world is filled with wonders that no one else seems to appreciate but with the efforts of the teacher, people and especially his parents do.

The serious comedy

Actor NUSHRAT BHARUCHA says that *Dream Girl* enables a man to see the world from a woman's point of view. By TEAM VIVA



People often typecast her as the 'girl next door' or the 'Punchmama lead' but actor Nushrat Bharucha is much more than just the image that her films have created. For her, genres of the films don't matter as long as the content is good and "fun to work on."

After her roles as Neha in *Pyaar ka Punchnama*, Chiku in *Pyaar ka Punchnama 2*, Vani in *Akash Vani* or the sly Sweetie from *Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweetie*, the actor is all set for Raaj Shandilya's next *Dream Girl*, opposite National Award-winner Ayushmann Khurrana. The story revolves around a guy (played by Ayushmann), who plays Radha and Sita in *ramilas*, and later works at a call centre, speaking to people in a woman's voice and is known as Puja among the locals. Dolly (played by Nushrat) grows suspicious of Puja and assumes that she is the other woman in his life besides her. "I don't know the alter life that he is living or who Puja is. My character is constantly trying to know who she is. I am possessive about my boyfriend and trying to understand what he's going through in his life and whether there is another woman in his life apart from me," she tells us.

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The film's trailer, which has been making waves since it first released, makes one curious about what will happen. Nushrat says, "I think it's the best part about the film that it keeps you going till the end, keeps you engaged throughout and makes you want to know more."

In one of the scenes in the trail-

er, we see Ayushmann playing Draupadi from *Mahabharata*, and during the time of *cheer haran* or the unveiling of Draupadi in the court, he shouts, '*Mahabharata ke time par agar #MeToo hota, toh sabse pehle tum sab andar jaate.* (If there was #MeToo during the time of Mahabharata, you all would have been the first ones to be jailed.)'

Nushrat says that the film also portrays a woman's point of view through a man and in turn, explains to him as well what her world is by putting him in her shoes. "It's interdependent and also refreshing because it's trying to say something important with comedy. I think if you say something that's serious, people may just get bored and consider walking out of the theatres. With comedy, it somewhere hits home and also makes them laugh because they connect more. That's the zest actually and motto of life. Nobody wants to get the *gyaan* and be taught about something. Explaining them the same thing through comedy makes it easier for them to think about it. They take the jokes and the concept home," she says.

This is not the first time that we have seen a man dubbing in a woman's voice or wearing a saree to act like her. Govinda (*Aunty No. 1*) and Kamal Haasan (*Chachi 420*) are examples. However, talking about the actresses who starred in these films, Nushrat relates her character to them as well. "This is a typical commercial Bollywood masala film and my role is exactly like that of Karishma (Kapoor) and Raveena (Tandon) and what they did with these actors. They were the love interests and danced on great songs and did some comedy too, with Govinda. Here too, Ayushmann is in the middle of these bunch of other characters and about how life gets jumbled up," she says and laughs.

Photo: Pankaj Kumar

Sunny Deol shares tips for budding actors

Sunny Deol feels just learning dance and building muscles doesn't make you an actor. Acting is a lot more than that. "Acting is not an easy profession. Although you don't need certificates to enter this profession, you need to have the art (of acting) within you. These days, people build bodies and learn dancing. Those, however, are just part of your skills — that's not acting. Acting is about determination, it is a dream and you have to be really passionate about films. Only then can you start enacting," the National Award-winning said.

"Only having talent is not enough, you should be strong as a human being, learn to face the difficulties, and move ahead with honesty. That is important," added Sunny, who impressed the nation with his acting skills in *Ghayal*, *Damini*, *Gadar: Ek Prem Katha*, *Border* among other films.

The *Ghayal Once Again* director is returning to direction with the romantic film *Pal Pal Dil Ke Paas*, which also serves as a launchpad for his son

Karan Deol. As the release date is nearing, the 62-year-old actor admits being nervous about whether the audience will like his son or not.

"It's a mixed feeling. I am happy that D-day is here, because we have been working on the film for quite some time. As a father, I am also nervous, though I am glad that people have liked the teaser. That has reduced my nervousness a bit," he said.

Directed by Sunny Deol, *Pal Pal Dil Ke Paas* hits the theatres on September 20. The film stars debutants Karan Deol and Sahher Bamba.

—IANS



A NEW BEGINNING

BRAHMACHARI NIJAMRITA CHAITANYA SWAMI ji, Matathipathi of Mata Amritanandamayi Math Delhi Ashram and head of the Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, says that the new hospital will not just have cutting-edge technology, which can be upgraded in the future but will also treat both the paying and non-paying patients as equals

formed; a CyberKnife M6 and Tomotherapy for the most precise radiotherapy available today, the GE Voluson E10 4D ultrasound system for spectacular 2D and 3D/4D images, a Philips 256 slice iCT scanner, a PET-3Tesla MRI scanner, which is extremely useful for early detection of cancer and the Digital Pathology Solution, a virtual microscope which digitises lab slides, which more accurately help clinicians in better, faster, cheaper diagnosis and prediction of diseases.

So what are the things that he would like to be incorporated in this branch? "Generally in the West, there is a thought that the doctor's time is more valuable. We studied a lot. So all the departments are set up floor wise. It is not multiple departments on a particular floor rather one single department is big enough to cover a single floor. Or there might be couple of related departments on each of the floor. There are about 80 lifts in this building and about 150 lifts in the whole campus. Everything related to one particular department is done on the same floor from diagnostics to surgeries. Everybody is availing the same diagnostics. It's not just a mere hospital but an academic one. This is the first campus which has been planned from end to end. We will expand things according to our needs. Right now, it has a capacity of 2,400 beds, including ICU. With further capacity to expand to 300 more beds," says Swami ji.

As per the wishes of Mata Amritanandamayi, the founder and chairman of the Mata Amritanandamayi Math, the hospital will also have a strong focus on mother-and-child healthcare. "It will include a highly specialised multidisciplinary wing with maternal and foetal med-



icine and all pediatric subspecialties, including pediatric cardiology, heart surgery and transplantation, rheumatology, endocrinology, pulmonology, neurosciences, pediatric genetics, gastroenterology, pediatric orthopaedics and pediatric and foetal surgery. Three hundred beds are allotted to it," says he.

The hospital will have both private rooms as well as wards. "The well-off will pay for the treatment of the poorer sections of the society. But even then, though we are yet to work out the costs, it will be cheaper than the other hospitals. Each ward will have four-six beds and not more. But there will be no compromising on the quality of facilities that are offered. Both the patients who pay and those who don't get access to the same diagnostics and healthcare here."

continue to be the lowest. "Even places like Medanta have come to train with us," he says.

But when one asks what are the learnings that they have carried forward, Swami ji smiles and says, "A whole list of what not to do. We are building on them. The older hospital was need-based and we kept on adding to it as and when we felt a need to expand. In this, we have planned out the entire operation in detail and built it accordingly."

Swami ji further tells us about the Mata Amritanandamayi Math Delhi ashram. He says that it is not a service organisation. "People come here in search of truth and nothing else — who am I, what is the essence of my existence and why I am here. In the ashram, amma (Mata Amritanandamayi) meets everyone personally and they tell their troubles to her. She has seen people surviving the tough phases of life. People from across India and abroad flock here to have amma's darshan. She listens to their worries, consoles, encourages and provides new direction to their lives. 'Children, this ashram exists for the world, it belongs to you, to all the people who come here,' says amma.

Amma's programmes are multi-faceted with several goals — to help the needy, to bring in modern technology and to inspire compassion and a sense of oneness with our fellow human beings, whatever their background may be. She teaches that selfless service with compassion is the foundation of all other spiritual practices. She upholds the ancient tradition of charity, where caring for others is the process through which the character of everyone involved is purified. This spiritually inspired approach lends beauty and charm to social welfare. Amma's children man-

age her projects with the faith that they will be transformed through their service to love.

"People might think we do everything for money but that is not true. The amount of effort that goes into this is 100 times. In every project we ensure that the money is utilised optimally as it is people's money," says Swami ji.

In providing vocational education, start-up capital, marketing assistance and access to micro-credit loans and micro-savings accounts from government-regulated banks, the ashram is working to equip unemployed and economically vulnerable women with the skills and means to set up small-scale, cottage-industry businesses.

"There are many activities that goes on here. In order to financially empower rural villagers, the ashram is providing training in tailoring, organic-crop production, sandal-making and other vocations as well as helping villagers to form and maintain cooperative businesses. We have a concept called live in laps, in which the students of the medical college have to go to some villages and spend time there to understand the problems of rural people. The students from abroad also live in the villages. We have adopted about 60-70 villages and we have plans to reach 100. We have taken up all the initiatives from training in the villages to vocational teaching, water, electricity and installation of filters due to solar panel technology at many places. The process of making toilets is in process all over the country. We train the villagers in certain activities. For instance, we help them at plumbing, not just through direct teaching but we use robotics and mechanical studies. They see the process of plumbing virtually on computers. They are taught how to understand and analyse the pressure and how to lessen or increase it accordingly. The visuals on the screen helps them to understand the process better. In this, a special focus has been placed on women where they are making not just their own toilets but that of the others too. This also generates employment."

"Basically, I'd say, we are not an institution with an agenda. We try to find solutions to everything. When we see Mother Nature as the embodiment of God, we will automatically serve and protect her. This is what amma believes. We also do take care of the environment as well," adds he.

National youth summit organised

Paavan Chintan Dhara Charitable Trust (ashram) was founded by Shriguru Pawan ji on February 17, 2010. It is an organisation devoted to the promotion and publicity of functional spirituality, service to the nation and knowledge of India.

In the last nine years, the ashram has contributed in the field of education, development of both mind and body of children, personality development, environment, social equality, understanding of the scriptures, and meditation techniques.

A very important project of the ashram is — Youth Awakening Mission (YAM) whose objective is to instill



confidence, will power, knowledge, and develop skills, logic, values, leadership qualities and patriotism among the youth. Under this project, youth between the ages of 18-40 years are given training. The ashram

organises classes for YAM youths for free

The youth is also given a duty under the Rishikulshala project whose slogan is — "Educate India Rebuild Nation". The project also allows youth to teach

the children from the marginalised section of the society so that they can become a part of mainstream society.

10 centres of this project are already operational in Delhi, Ghaziabad, Meerut, Mumbai and more are in the process of being opened shortly.

The ashram is celebrating its ninth gyan utsav this year and has organised a programme — National Youth Summit. The President, Ram Nath Kovind will be inaugurating the function on September 7 at Vigyan Bhavan in the city, and the closing ceremony will be done by Rajnath Singh on September 8 at ALT center.

Children have fun at club

There is a good news for the little masters of the metropolis. The toy company — Toys RC has set up a jaffrage club for children at the Mahagun Metro Mall in the city.

Under this the club celebrates birthday parties and attractive games. For this, children will have to register the month of birth with their parents. On this occasion, Mahagun group director Dheeraj Jain told that this is the first store in North India. He inaugurated the store along with a small girl.

Fun programmes and performances were organised. The children also featured pictures of ducky, power puff girls, donald mickey, tom and jerry and many favourite cartoons.

DWCD organises poshan rally



Department of Women and Child Development, of the city organised a poshan rally to launch poshan maah under poshan abhiyaan on Tuesday.

Director of DWCD, SB Shashank, inaugurated the rally at Bal Sadan, Timarpur, and highlighted the importance of panch sutra of poshan maah to mobilise the community. The event was attended by 300 people. During the ceremony, the state and district officials, field functionaries and swasth bharat

preraks took an oath to stay committed in working towards malnutrition-free India.

The director addressed the audience to appreciate the hard work of field functionaries. He emphasised on the need to reach out to maximum beneficiaries and mobilise the community during the month to take the event forward. Anganwadi workers enthusiastically performed a welcome song, nukkad natak and qawwali.



Vector-borne diseases go down

The secretary of New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), Rashmi Singh while reviewing the status of prevention and control of Vector Borne Disease in NDMC area, said, "With the sustained efforts being made by our health department with respect to prevention and control of dengue and other vector borne diseases, the number of cases has decreased considerably in comparison to the last two years."

She further said that as per the comparative report of three years on vector borne diseases, the numbers of cases registered for dengue this year are three which are considerably less than the previous two years wherein figures were 61 in 2017 and nine in 2018.

As far as the cases of malaria and chikunguniya are concerned, this year the number of malaria cases are 24, while only one case of chikunguniya has been reported in comparison to the last year. During 2017, there were 291 challans, while this year only 74 challans have been issued.



Assam rifles conducts ex-servicemen rally

Assam rifles ESM rally was conducted on Tuesday at Kathmandu to honour and commemorate the sacrifices of the Nepal domiciled Indian pensioners. Over 500 ESM, veer naris, other ladies and dependents attended the event which was presided over by the director general assam rifles, lieutenant general Sukhdeep Sangwan, SM** and Sangeeta Sangwan, president, Assam Rifles Wives Welfare Association (ARWWA). Others included brigadier Amitabh Roy, vrc, SM**, brig (pers), col Basnet from records, cmdt Bijju Dir ARESA and col Avaneesh Chambial, SM, defense attache to Nepal.

The DG Assam Rifles felicitated galantry awardees, war veterans, veer naris, other ladies and disabled ESM. Sangeeta interacted with them and enquired about their well being. They also expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Assam Rifles for taking good care of the Ex-Servicemen fraternity.

Government may reduce value of unrestricted property

The value of all unauthorised properties of the development authorities of Uttar Pradesh will come down.

In this regard, Principal Secretary Housing has sought written suggestions from the heads of all development authorities of the state to reduce the prices and how to sell the undistributed property. According to an estimate, the assets of the authorities can be reduced by 30 to 35 percent.

With regard to reducing the cast of the property, it is said that the percentage of loan that the authority takes from the financial institutions will reduce it. Authorities currently calculate a higher percentage of interest.

GDA VC said that now suggestions will be sent to the Ghaziabad Development Authority for governance. He added that the intention of



the government behind seeking suggestions is to form a common policy in the entire state.



A rally was organised in the town under communicable disease campaign by the district panchayat, Chhaprauli. The villagers were given detailed information regarding communicable diseases. On this occasion, executive officer, Manish Chaudhary said, "By taking out a rally every day, people will get aware of certain things like saving water, communicable diseases, nutrition and sanitation."

Photo: Mehndi Hasan

Uttarakhand: best destination for adventure

Uttarakhand Tourism was awarded with the Best State-Adventure Tourism award at the South Asia Travel Awards event on Friday.

The award was received by Poonam Chand, joint director, Uttarakhand Tourism from Prahlad Singh Patel, minister of state for tourism and culture. He expressed his happiness over the same. Zurab Pololikashvili, secretary general, Unites Nation World Tourism Organisation in his video message said that this will act as a great incentive for the significant contributions made for the promotion of tourism in South Asia.

Greece was the official partner for the event.



Ambassadors and officials from various countries, Vinod Zutshi, former secretary tourism, Sreya Guha, principle secretary, Rajasthan tourism,

Pravin Kumar, secretary tourism, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu and various representatives from travel fraternity graced the occasion.

LIC in its 64th year of incorporation

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) entered 64th year of its incorporation on Sunday. It has played a significant role in spreading the message of life insurance among the masses and mobilisation of people's money for their welfare.

In this journey, LIC has crossed many milestones and has set good performance records in various aspects of life insurance business. In its 63 years of existence, it has grown in terms of its customer base, agency network, branch office network, new business premium.

LIC has been embraced technology from the nascent stage. It is continuing its journey by reaping the benefits of technology to become customer-centric, to improve pricing and to create operational efficiencies. It has a strong online presence and has provided digital platform for new



business and servicing operations to both internal and external customers.

The focus of the corporation is to enhance the e-presence and e-delivery capabilities and to transform existing enterprise IT systems in sync with the expectation of the users. It is also issuing e-policy along with physical policy document.

LIC has revamped its portal system with latest technological platforms to enhance digital experience and provide

online services. Various options are available — product information, downloading plan brochures, premium calculator, apply for policy, LIC office locator, policy self servicing options like Policy Information, online premium payments, advance premium payments, revivals, online loan request, loan repayments, ULIP statement, grievance redressal etc.

It also offers life insurance protection under group policies to people below poverty line at

subsidised rates under social security group schemes like Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Aam Admi Bima Yojana (AABY). These schemes provide life insurance protection to the persons living below poverty line and marginally above poverty line.

LIC won 25 Awards in the year 2018-19 including golden peacock award for National Training and Readers Digest awards.

DDA INTRODUCES LAND POOLING POLICY

The introduction of Land Pooling Policy of the DDA aims to create a new paradigm for the urban development in Delhi. The policy was notified in October 2018. With the encouraging response received in expressing participation on DDA portal, the land owners in the 95 villages are coming forward to partner with DDA. There has been phenomenal rise in

area of land pooled in the last two months and it is expected that sectors in zone-N (near Bawana) and P-II (near Alipur) will soon become eligible for development under the Policy.

The area of land pooled has increased from 965 hectares on July 1 to 5,028 hectares on August 30. DDA has taken up an extensive public outreach programme

to educate and spread awareness. A multi-pronged approach was adopted for the same through field camps, advertisements in newspapers, public notices and brochures, which has received a positive response and number of registrations under the policy has increased. The policy was launched on February 5 and will remain open till September 6.

Dhawan shines for India A

PTI ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Shikhar Dhawan's fluency stood out before rain pushed the fourth unofficial ODI between India 'A' and South Africa 'A' to Thursday.

With nine wickets in hand, the hosts will look to knock off the 137 runs required in 17.2 overs for their fourth successive win. India 'A' were 56 for 1 in 7.4 overs with Dhawan (34) and Prashant Chopra (6) at the crease when the skies opened up.

The India opener struck six boundaries during his 21-ball unbeaten knock.

After a stuttering start, Dhawan found his touch and hit some superb shots through the off-side.

Earlier, sent in to bat by the home team captain Shreyas Iyer, South Africa 'A' made 137 for one in 25 overs in a rain-affected game.

After play started late, heavy showers forced the players indoors with the visitors at 108 for one in 22 overs.

The game was then reduced to a 25 overs-a-side affair and SA 'A' added 29 more runs. The revised target for India A was 193 in 25 overs.

Heinrich Klaasen's (21) late assault and Reeza Hendricks (60) helped the visiting team to finish with a flourish.

The big-hitting Klaasen hit Ishan Porel for two consecutive sixes in the penultimate over and looked good for more.

However, Tushar Deshpande bowled a dream final over, with five consecutive dot balls to Klaasen.

Matthew Breetzke (25) and Hendricks provided a bright start, hitting some lovely shots. Breetzke hit a superb six over covers off Deshpande, which stood out.

India 'A' lead the five-match ODI series 3-0.

Aus recover after double jolt

Smith, Labuschagne add 116 runs for 3rd wicket to lead visitors fightback



Australia's Marcus Labuschagne, left, and Steve Smith take a run during day one of the fourth Ashes Test at Old Trafford in Manchester

AFP ■ OLD TRAFFORD (MANCHESTER)

Australia star Steve Smith looked like he had never been away since he marked his first Test since suffering concussion with a fourth fifty in as many innings against England this Ashes series at Old Trafford on Wednesday.

Smith, a shining light for the tourists on a dull day in

Manchester, was 60 not out in an Australia total of 170-3 at stumps on the rain-marred first day of the fourth Test where only 44 overs of a scheduled 90 were bowled.

This was Smith's eighth successive Test fifty against England -- a run that started during Australia's 4-0 home series win in 2017/18 -- with the 30-year-old extending his own Ashes record.

The star batsman had come in with Australia struggling at 28-2 after an early double strike by Stuart Broad, who

had 2-35 from 10 overs at the close.

But together with Marcus Labuschagne, whose 67 was his fourth successive Test fifty since replacing Smith as a concussion substitute, the former Australia captain added 116 in 33 overs for the third wicket.

Smith missed England's dramatic one-wicket win in the third Test at Headingley that levelled this five-match series at 1-1 after being felled by a bouncer from paceman Jofra Archer during the drawn second Test at Lord's.

Tim Paine, Smith's successor as Australia captain, took the decision to bat first after winning the toss, even though both top orders have struggled this series.

Broad snares Warner again -

But just four balls into the innings Broad, again leading England's attack in the absence of regular new-ball partner James Anderson, had Warner caught behind for nought as he

tried to withdraw his bat.

It was the fifth time Broad had snared Warner this series. Marcus Harris had kept his place alongside Warner after Australia dropped the struggling Usman Khawaja but the left-hander fell for 13 when Broad trapped him lbw from around the wicket with a ball that nipped back.

Harris's exit brought Smith to the crease for his first Test innings since Lord's, where he made 92 despite being struck by Archer.

Smith, who had scored 144 and 142 in Australia's 251-run win in the series opener at Edgbaston -- his first Test since a 12-month ball-tampering ban -- got off the mark fifth ball by expertly driving Archer through extra-cover for four.

All-rounder Ben Stokes -- whose 135 not out at Headingley saw England to an improbable win -- cut one back sharply to Labuschagne but a review of Marais Erasmus's not

out lbw decision was umpire's call.

Australia were 98-2 at lunch, with rain then stopping play for more than two hours before Labuschagne completed an 88-ball fifty.

Smith then played one of the shots of an increasingly windy day, with the balls being repeatedly blown from the top of the stumps, when he drove Broad down the ground for four.

Smith reached his fifty with his seventh four in 81 balls when he ended up on his knees following an extravagant cover-drive off Stokes.

Labuschagne, however, was eventually bowled by a nip-back ball from seamer Craig Overton, the only change to England's side, having faced 128 balls including 10 fours.

Travis Head survived several close calls, including a Stokes review for lbw, to reach a rescheduled tea on 18 not out and further rain during the interval ended play for the day.



Haryana Steelers players' attempt to successfully catch opposition raider during Pro Kabaddi League season 7 match

Heartening to see youngsters make major contributions

The seventh season of the Pro Kabaddi League has been fantastic for the Haryana Steelers. The team has gelled well during the course of the tournament and the results are there to be seen. We didn't get off to a great start, but it has been very heartening to see the way we have bounced back. We never got bogged down with our situation in the standings and continued to improve on our game after every match.

The youngsters such as Vinay and Sunil have been a major powerhouse for us. The young players bought by Haryana Steelers this season have been incredible. There are many young stars who are rising in the Pro Kabaddi League. We strategized well during the auctions and the players have responded during the league. Vinay has carried out some stupendous raids and Sunil has been the best defender for Haryana along with our captain Dharmaraj Cheralathan. Sunil has scored 23 points in 9 matches while Dharmaraj has notched 23 points in 11 matches.

All the youngsters have played their part according to the role for which our team acquired the players. They have adhered to their responsibilities. All the pressure of the team is taken by the senior players so that the youngsters can play with a free mind and pick up crucial points for the side. They have executed each plan made for them brilliantly. We can make plans, but the execution is the key for any team. And the youngsters have stepped up to the plate on most occasions throughout the season.

All the Haryana players are tackling each and every situation like a family. Whenever the young guns want to improve on something, they go and ask the senior players for help. They are getting a chance to learn new techniques from the senior players and they are also motivated to perform each time they step on the mat.

The Pro Kabaddi League is a great platform for all youngsters. They have got recognition due to the competition. If they utilise the opportunities at the right age, they set a good platform for their careers in kabaddi. Going forward, they can have achieve their goals for their PKL team and brings laurels to the country as well.

I have improved a lot throughout the season. With each match, I have worked on a certain areas after analyzing my mistakes. It's been great to play with an experienced player like Dharmaraj Cheralathan. He has played from the first season of PKL and the experience he has shared with us has been very valuable. It's good for the team that we have a leader like Dharmaraj, who motivates us and helps us immensely while working out strategies.

The team has been playing well this season, but we have to perform even better. I have had a great time being part of this team. The side's atmosphere is fantastic and we hope to keep improving on our game as the season progresses.

(The writer plays as defender, right cover for Haryana Steelers in Pro Kabaddi League season 7)

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To be known to all that I, Kamal Kantia W/o Krishan Lal R/o A1B/25A, G.F. LIG Flat, Krishna Apt. Paschim Vihar ND-63 is the owner/purchaser of A1B/25A, G.F.LIG Flat, Krishna Apt. Paschim Vihar ND-63 situated at Paschim Vihar applied for conversion of the aforesaid property from leasehold to freehold in DDA. The original Demand Letter of the above said property have been lost. An FIR to this effect has been lodged in Police Station Kalka Ji dt 5/7/07. Any person claiming any right, interest having any objection may write/contact with above named person at above Pn.9868107755 within 15days from the date of publication of this notice and can personally return or write to Dy. Director(LAB) or Director (LAB)H, D Block, 3rd floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi.
Ramesh Chander (Advocate)

NOTICE
LOSS OF SHARE CERTIFICATE
Notice is hereby given that the share certificates No. 227842 for 2000 shares bearing distinctive No(s) 192039376 to 192041375 standing in the name(s) of Mrs. Kamia Kumari and Mr. Sanjay Mittal in the books of M/s Dalma Bharat Limited, has been lost/misplaced and the advertiser have applied to the Company for issue of duplicate share certificate(s) in lieu thereof. Any person(s) who has/have claim(s) on the said shares should lodge such claim(s) with the Company's Registrars and Transfer Agents viz Kary ComputerShare Pvt.Ltd., KARVY SELENIUM TOWER B, PLOT NO. 31 & 32, GACHIBOWLI, FINANCIAL DISTRICT, NAWA KRAM GUDA, SERILINGAMPALLY, HYDERABAD - 500032, TELANGANA. TEL: 040 67162222 within 15 days from the date of this notice failing which the Company will proceed to issue duplicate share certificate(s) in respect of the said shares.
KANTIA KUMARI AND SANJAY MITTAL
Place: New Delhi
Date: 05-09-2019

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Opp. Government Library, Sector-21, Gandhinagar.
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TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No. SEB/001/05.09.2019/2019-21

TENDER FOR PRINTING OF QUESTION PAPER, OMR, RESULT PROCESSING WORK AND ONLINE EXAMINATION
Note:- Please read all the terms and conditions carefully before submitting the tender

- Purpose of Tender:** The State Examination Board invites sealed tender(s) for the Empanelment of agencies for (1) Printing of question papers (2) Printing of OMRs (3) Result/Data processing work AND (4) Online Examination conduction in the most confidential manner. High quality printing of question paper is required to be carried out by the security press with utmost secrecy, accuracy and self-sufficiency. Companies having RBI/IBA certified press, minimum CMMI Level 3 accreditation and experience of secrecy printing and Online Examination conduction shall apply.
- Tender Fee:** INR 15000 for Draft in favor of State Examination Board is required to be submitted along with the tender. Tenders, submitted without tender fee will be treated as a cancelled.
- Addressed from where to obtain tender:** All the prospective tenderers are requested to download the tender from the website <http://gujarat-education.gov.in/seb/>
Date of uploading the tender:- 05/09/2019
- Time limit for submission of the tender:** The tenderer will have to take utmost care to submit the tender BY HAND of the below mentioned address during 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM everyday to reach to the Secretary, State Examination Board on or before 29/09/2019.
Address: Shri Devdatt Pandya,
Block No. - 46, Sarvodayanagar,
Near CHH - 6 Circle, Sector-30, Gandhinagar - 382030, Gujarat
- Maintenance of secrecy of the tenderer's identification:** Prospective tenderers fulfilling all the conditions, eligibility and criteria may send their tender in sealed envelope bearing name of the addressee as given and should be superscribed. "Confidential Printing and Online Examination Work 2019-21 (Part -A: Technical Bid and Part-B Financial Bid in separate envelopes)" This should be enclosed in an outer cover without giving the name of the tenderer and should be delivered BY HAND on the address mentioned above during 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM to reach the Secretary, State Examination Board on or before dated 29/09/2019.
- Payment of Earnest Money:** Tender Earnest Money of Rupees 24,00,000.00 (Twenty Four lac) payable at Gandhinagar in favour of *Secretary, State Examination Board** should be deposited along with the Part A of the bid
IMPORTANT NOTE: Tender selection authority reserves the rights to accept or reject any tender or part thereof or all the tenders without assigning any reason there of. Any inquiry regarding the tender: +91 9974901341

Sd/- (P.A. Jalu) Chairman State Examination Board Gandhinagar
No/INF/VPN/2019/G/1029

DEWAN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED
Corporate Office :: DHFL, HDIL Towers, B-Wing, 6th & 8th Floor, Anant Kanekar Marg, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051.
Zonal Office Address: Plot No. 6, Block-A, Ground Floor, Sector-2, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301 (Near Sector-15, Noida, Delhi Metro Station)

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION CUM SALE
Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned in sealed covers for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the physical possession, on an 'As Is Where Is Basis', 'As Is What Is Basis' and 'Whatever Is There Is Basis', Particulars of which are given below:-

S. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co Borrower(s) / Guarantor	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property	Reserve Price (RP)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RPD)	Loan Amount Outstanding as on Aug. 2019
1.	(Loan Code No. PTM32555/ Delhi-Pitampura Branch) Rangji International Pvt Ltd (Borrower)	24-12-2018 Rs. 5,29,50,597/-	All the Part and Parcel of Property PLOT NO. GM-8 , GULMOHAR MARG2, DLF PHASE-2, Gurgaon, Haryana-122002. Area (9203 Sq Ft.)	Rs. 9,21,41,000/- (Rupees Nine Crore Twenty One Lacs Forty One Thousand Only)	Rs. 92,14,100/- (Rupees Ninety Two Lakhs Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Only)	Rs. 5,85,04,401/- (Rupees Five Crore Eighty Five Lacs Four Thousand Four Hundred One Only)
2.	(Loan Code No. 00001462/ Noida Branch) Rajarshi Guha (Borrower) Varsha Guha (Co-Borrower)	06-02-2018 Rs. 28,05,893/-	All the Part and Parcel of Property Office No.- 302, 305 & 306, Third Floor, Arrow Corporate Tower, Plot No-6, Kaushambi, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201010. Area (1484 Sq. Ft.)	Rs. 62,37,900/- (Rupees Sixty Two Lacs Thirty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Only)	Rs. 2,38,920/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Only)	Rs. 34,78,359/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lacs Seventy Eight Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Nine Only)
3.	(Loan Code No. 00041115/ Delhi - Cp Branch) Deepak Singh (Borrower) Sonu (Co-Borrower)	27-03-2018 Rs. 28,35,486/-	All the Part and Parcel of Property House No.- A-1/246, Block- A1, DIF Colony Dilshad Garden Extension-2 Ghaziabad Pincode-201005. Area (333.58 Sq Ft)	Rs. 19,12,600/- (Rupees Nineteen Lacs Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Only)	Rs. 1,91,260/- (Rupees One Lakh Ninety One Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Only)	Rs. 32,90,677/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lacs Ninety Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Seven Only)
4.	(Loan Code No. 00000002/ Rohtak Branch) Mukesh Sharma (Borrower) Mamchand Sharma (Co-Borrower)	13-12-2016 Rs. 34,37,539/-	All the Part and Parcel of Property House No. 34 A, Ward No. 12, Sukhpura Chowk, Rohtak, Haryana-124001. Area (562 Sq Ft)	Rs. 23,89,200/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lacs Eighty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Only)	Rs. 2,38,920/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Only)	Rs. 49,02,561/- (Rupees Forty Nine Lacs Two Thousand Five Hundred Sixty One Only)
5.	(Loan Code No. 00001577/ Rohini Branch) Brijesh Pandey (Borrower) Geeta (Co-Borrower)	23-04-2019 Rs. 41,72,277/-	All the Part and Parcel of Property Property No. D-134, Block-D Swaran Jayanti Puram, Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad-201001. Area (1601 Sq Ft.)	Rs. 51,33,500/- (Rupees Fifty One Lacs Thirty Three Thousand Five Hundred Only)	Rs. 5,13,350/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Only)	Rs. 43,90,767/- (Rupees Forty Three Lacs Ninety Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Seven One Only)

1. Last date of Submission of Sealed Offers in the prescribed tender forms along with EMD and KYC is 09-10-2019 Circle office address mentioned within 3:00 PM at the herein above. Tenders that are not filled up or tenders received beyond last date will be considered as invalid tender and shall accordingly be rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD.
2. Date of Opening of the Offers for Property is 10-10-2019 at the above mentioned Circle Office address at 2:00 PM. The tender will be opened in the presence of the Authorized Officer.
3. Date of inspection of the immovable property is on 16-09-2019 between 1.00 PM to 04.00 PM.
4. Further interest will be charged as applicable, as per the Loan Agreement on the amount outstanding in the notice and incidental expenses, costs, etc., is due and payable till its realization.
5. The notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s, to remain present personally at the time of sale and they can bring the intending buyers/purchasers for purchasing the immovable property as described herein above, as per the particulars of Terms and Conditions of Sale.
6. The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) are hereby given 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002 to pay the sum mentioned as above before the date of Auction failing which the immovable property will be auctioned and balance, if any, will be recovered with interest and costs. If the Borrower pays the amount due to Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd., in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped.
7. The detail terms and conditions of the auction sale are incorporated in the prescribed tender form. Tender forms are available at the above mentioned Office Address.
8. The immovable property will be sold to the highest tenderer. However, the Authorized Officer reserves the absolute discretion to allow inter se bidding, if deemed necessary. The Property as mentioned will not be sold below Reserve Price.
9. DHFL is not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the property as mentioned above. The Property shall be auctioned on 'As Is Where Is Basis', 'As Is What Is Basis' and 'Whatever Is There Is Basis'.
10. The Loan Amount mentioned above is not the Loan Foreclosure Amount. All Other Charges including Pending EMI's against the said loan shall be calculated at the time of Loan Closure.
11. The Bidder/Purchaser is hereby advised to deduct 1% TDS in advance on and above Rs. 50 Lacs property while making the Sale Price payment to DHFL. DHFL shall not be held responsible for any loss in this regards.
12. The Demand Draft should be made favoring 'Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited' OR 'DHFL'.
For further details, contact the Authorised Officer, at the abovementioned Office address. Sd/- Pulkit Baluja (Authorised Officer)
Place: Delhi-NCR Date : 05-09-2019 Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited

Grigor's moment 100 & counting

Dimitrov stuns Federer to reach semi against Medvedev

AFP ■ NEW YORK

Grigor Dimitrov rallied for a shocking upset of 20-time Grand Slam champion Roger Federer at the US Open on Tuesday, the lowest-ranked New York semi-finalist in 28 years advancing to face Daniil Medvedev.

The 78th-ranked Bulgarian, who had dropped all seven prior meetings with Federer, made a dramatic fightback to defeat the Swiss third seed 3-6, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 at Arthur Ashe Stadium and will face Russian fifth seed Medvedev in Friday's semis.

"I'm just happy," Dimitrov said. "The only thing I was telling myself was to stay in the match. Physically I was feeling pretty good. I was hitting some shots against him that were hard to hit."

Dimitrov reached his first US Open semi-final to match the deepest Slam runs of his career from Wimbledon in 2014 and the 2017 Australian Open.

Not since 174th-ranked Jimmy Connors reached the 1991 quarter-finals had New York seen so lowly a figure on the ATP ratings list reach the last four.

Dimitrov is also the lowest-ranked Slam semi-finalist since 94th-rated Rainer Schuettler of Germany at Wimbledon in 2008.

Federer, a five-time US Open champion has not won at Flushing Meadows since 2008.

He went off the court for a private medical timeout to treat his upper back near his neck.

"This is Grigor's moment, not my body's moment," Federer said.

Dimitrov broke Federer twice on the way to a 4-0 lead in the final set and the 38-year-old Swiss star had no effective reply, foiled by 61 unforced errors in falling after three hours and 12 minutes.

"It's OK. It's how it goes," Federer said. "I tried my best. I fought with what I had and that's it."

Federer would have become the oldest Slam semi-finalist since Jimmy Connors at age 39 at the 1991 US Open.

Medvedev defeated three-time Grand Slam champion



Grigor Dimitrov reacts after defeating Roger Federer during the quarterfinals of the US Open tournament. Dimitrov won 3-6, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2

Stan Wawrinka 7-6 (8/6), 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 to reach his first major semi-final, shaking off a sore left quadriceps that made him contemplate quitting the match. Now he gets two days of rest.

"That's huge advantage regarding what happened to my leg," Medvedev said. "It should be OK."

Medvedev took a medical timeout, had the area taped and took a painkiller.

"In the fourth set, I started feeling the painkiller and started moving better," he said. "For sure I hope to be ready for the semis."

He has maintained momentum from a sizzling August in which he reached three ATP finals, winning a title at Cincinnati and finishing runner-up in Montreal and Washington.

Medvedev, 23, is the youngest US Open semi-finalist since Novak Djokovic in 2010 and Russia's first Slam

semi-finalist since Mikhail Youzhny at the 2010 US Open.

Dimitrov and Medvedev have split two prior matches, Dimitrov winning at Queen's in 2017 and Medvedev avenging the loss a few weeks later in Washington.

"He has been having a tremendous summer," Dimitrov said of Medvedev. "I know his game. I'm just going to try and recover and reassess the match first and prepare from then on for Daniil. He's a tough player. He's tricky."

Wawrinka, foiled in a bid for his second US Open title in four seasons, said he did not think Medvedev would be holding the trophy on Sunday.

"He can, but I don't think he will. I think it's going to be really difficult," Wawrinka said. "Because he looks to start to be tired, and he has to beat some more tougher player in the semi-final and then in the final."



Roger Federer thanks the crowd after a loss to Grigor Dimitrov

Serena completes century of wins at US Open in Wang romp

AFP ■ NEW YORK

Serena Williams earned her 100th win at the US Open on Tuesday with a brutal 44-minute demolition of Wang Qiang, firing an ominous warning to rivals in her pursuit of a record-tying 24th Grand Slam title.

Six-time US Open champion Williams dismantled Chinese 18th seed Wang 6-1, 6-0 in a complete mismatch that was the quickest at this year's tournament to set up a semi-final clash with Ukrainian trailblazer Elina Svitolina.

Williams brought up a century of US Open wins to move to within one of the all-time leader Chris Evert.

"It's really unbelievable, literally. From when I first started here, I think I was 16, I didn't think I would ever get to 100. I didn't think I would still be out here," Williams said.

The 37-year-old American is seeking a 24th major title to match Margaret Court's long-standing record, and smacked 25 winners against first-time Slam quarter-finalist Wang, who failed to hit a single one.

The 27-year-old Wang had not lost a set during her best Slam run that included a defeat of reigning French Open champion Ashleigh Barty in the last 16, but she was powerless to stop a Williams onslaught at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

"When I play someone who is playing really well, I know I have to either step it up or go home. I had to come out here and play really well," said Williams, suffering no ill effects from the ankle she rolled in her previous match. "Physically I'm feeling great. More than anything I'm just having fun every time I come out here."

Wang, trying to become just the fourth Chinese player to reach the last four of a Slam, won just four points in the second set and 15 in total. "It's not easy to play against her," Wang said. "The power, like, I cannot handle it. Just too much for me."

Williams captured her last Slam title at the 2017 Australian Open while preg-



Serena Williams reacts after winning a point during her match against Qiang Wang in the US Open quarterfinals on Wednesday morning (IST)

nant and hasn't won the US Open since 2014.

SVITOLINA HOLDS KONTA

Fifth seed Svitolina defeated Britain's Johanna Konta 6-4, 6-4 to become the first Ukrainian to reach the US Open semi-finals, matching her run to the last four at Wimbledon in July.

"It feels amazing. It was a very, very tough match. We were both striking the ball well. It was quite even," Svitolina said. "I'm very, very happy the way I handled the pressure."

She had already knocked out two-time former champion Venus Williams and 2017 runner-up Madison Keys and is in a class of her own as the only Ukrainian woman to reach this stage at a major.

She will attempt to emu-

late Andrei Medvedev as just the second Ukrainian to play in a Grand Slam final. Medvedev lost the men's 1999 Roland Garros final in five sets to Andre Agassi.

"Serena is an amazing champion. Probably it's going to be really tough against her," Svitolina said.

Williams, the lone former Grand Slam champion remaining in the draw, has defeated Svitolina in four of five previous meetings, although the latter won their most recent encounter at the 2016 Rio Olympics.

The US Open is guaranteed a first-time major finalist and there will be four different Grand Slam winners in a season in the Open era for an unprecedented third year in a row.

SINGLES

KXIP SET TO RELEASE ASHWIN

NEW DELHI: Ravichandran Ashwin is all set to join Delhi Capitals for the next edition of IPL after Kings XI Punjab decided to release their skipper of last two seasons. KXIP releasing Ashwin was on expected lines after the franchise finished seventh in 2018 and sixth in 2019 under his leadership. "Ashwin's release approval is already with the BCCI and an announcement is likely soon. Delhi Capitals showed interest in him and KXIP, after thinking it through, felt they needed a younger spinner in the squad," a source close to the development said.

MASAKADZA TO RETIRE FROM CRICKET

HARARE: Zimbabwe captain Hamilton Masakadza will be retiring from all forms of international cricket at the end of the upcoming T20 tri-series in Bangladesh. The 36-year-old Masakadza has played 38 Tests, 209 ODIs and 62 T20 Internationals, scoring 9410 international runs. He had five centuries each in Tests and ODIs. "After a great deal of consideration, I have decided to announce my retirement from all formats of international cricket at the end of the upcoming triangular series in Bangladesh," Masakadza said at a press conference on Tuesday. "It has been an enormous privilege to have played for and captained my country, and this is one of the hardest decisions I've had to make."

DRAJNESH, MYNENI-JEEVAN WIN

JINAN: Top seed Prajnesh Gunneswaran progressed to the pre-quarterfinals of the Jinan Open with a straight-set win over Japanese qualifier Renta Tokuda on Wednesday. Playing his first tournament after losing the US Open first round, the left-handed Indian raced to a 6-2, 6-2 win in the second round of the \$162480 hard court ATP Challenger tournament. In the doubles, fourth-seeded Indian pair of Saketh Myneni and Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan overcame Japan's Shintaro Imai and Toshihide Matsui 6-4, 6-3 in their opening round. It would have been an all-Indian quarterfinal but Hiroki Moriya and Goncalo Oliveira knocked out N Sriram Balaji and Vishnu Vardhan 3-6, 7-6(2), 10-7 in the other first round match.

UNADKAT PUTS INDIA RED IN CONTROL

BENGALURU: Experienced pacer Jaydev Unadkat returned with a four-wicket haul as India Red reduced India Green to 147 for 8 at stumps on the opening day of the rain-hit Duleep Trophy final here on Wednesday. Left-arm pacer Unadkat and the other India Red bowlers kept things tight and picked up wickets at regular intervals after India Green captain Faiz Fazal opted to bat after winning the toss at the M Chinnaswamy stadium. With India Green batsmen struggling, No 8 Mayank Markande emerged as the top-scorer with an unbeaten 32 runs off 51 balls which comprised two fours. Also, medium-pacers Sandeep Warrier, Aditya Sarwate and Avesh Khan took a wicket each. **AGENCIES**

PTI ■ GUWAHATI

India will again look up to the talismanic Sunil Chhetri when they open their 2022 FIFA World Cup Qualifiers against Oman here today in coach Igor Stimac's biggest test so far.

A member of the Croatian team that reached the semifinals of the 1998 World Cup, Stimac is undoubtedly one of the most high-profile names to have managed India, but the start hasn't been impressive.

A third-place finish in the King's Cup in Thailand was followed by an uninspiring outing in the Intercontinental Cup at home where Stimac experimented.

The task is only going to get tougher in the coming months and the Croat is aware of the challenges facing his currently 103-ranked side.

He has acknowledged that Oman, along with Qatar, are the two strong favourites in the group.

"Realistically, Qatar and Oman are the favourites in our group. We have never won an official (World Cup qualifying) match against either of them. So

India face Oman in WC qualifiers

it's not going to be easy at all. In Guwahati we are going to give everything on the pitch, aiming to win it," Stimac said.

Being clubbed with 2022 World Cup hosts in the Asian qualifiers second round helps as a second-place finish behind Qatar will see India in the third qualifying round.

That is why the two home and away matches against the 87-ranked side, starting with the one at the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium, assume significance.

The hosts were dealt a blow days before the opening match with young mid-fielder Amarjit Singh Kiyam being ruled out due to an injury.

The 18-year-old, who captained India in the U-17 World Cup at home two years ago, was the only player who featured in all five matches since Stimac's appointment.



Indian players' chat during team's practice session ahead of FIFA World Cup qualifier against Oman

His absence in front of the defence, where Sandesh Jhingan is looking for a strong ally, will be missed.

Jhingan is set to have Rahul Bheke as partner with Pritam Kotal on the right and Subhasish Bose on the left.

The ever-dependable Udanta Singh

will man the mid-field alongside the young Sahal Abdul Samad, Anirudh Thapa and Lallianzuala Chhangte.

With Stimac preferring a 4-2-3-1 formation instead of his predecessor Stephen Constantine's 4-4-2, the 35-year-old Chhetri is set to be the lone man

upfront with Ashique Kuruniyan playing behind one of international football's leading scorers.

Like India, Oman also has a new manager in Dutchman Erwin Koeman, who took his players to Germany for a three-week conditioning camp while playing local sides.

The 34-year-old mid-fielder Ahmed Kano will be a vital cog in the team that reached the Round of 16 in the Asian Cup earlier this year.

Koeman has also called up young striker Arshad Al Alawi, who was one of the standout stars of the 2016 AFC Under-16 Championships.

The visitors' mid-field will be marshalled by Ahmed Mubarak and Ibrahim Saleh, with Mohammed Al-Ghassini playing upfront.

India lost both their matches against Oman at the same stage during the qualification for the 2018 World Cup.

Misbah joins Pak as head coach, chief selector

AFP ■ LAHORE

Pakistan on Wednesday appointed former captain Misbah-ul-Haq as head coach and chief selector in a bid to lift the national team's performance.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said Misbah will be head coach for three years.

"Former captain Misbah is confirmed as Pakistan men's national team head coach in all three formats on a three-year contract," said a statement.

"In line with the PCB's commitment to ensure transparency, accountability and role clarity at all levels, Misbah was also named as the chairman of selectors with head coaches of the six first-class cricket association sides as his fellow selectors."

Misbah will be Pakistan's 30th head coach — but it is the first time that the head coach will also be the chief selector, along the lines of the system in New Zealand.



Newly appointed Pakistan head coach Misbah-ul-Haq & bowling coach Waqar Younis during practice session

Another former captain, legendary paceman Waqar Younis, was named as bowling coach for three years. He had two previous stints as head coach.

A five-man PCB committee also interviewed former Australian batsman Dean Jones and former Pakistan coach

Mohsin Khan before deciding unanimously in Misbah's favour.

Misbah and Younis will start with a three one-day internationals and three Twenty20s at home against Sri Lanka from September 27 to October 9. Pakistan travel to Australia in November for

Tests in Brisbane and Adelaide.

Misbah is Pakistan's most successful Test captain with 26 wins in 56 Tests and 11 draws. He played 75 Tests, 162 ODIs and 39 T20s matches for Pakistan in a career which ended in 2017.

Misbah described the role as challenging.

"I know expectations are high, but I am absolutely ready and up for the task otherwise I would not have thrown my name in the hat for one of the most challenging and coveted roles in Pakistan cricket," he said in a press release.

"We have some of the most talented and exciting cricketers, and I will like to help them train and prepare in such a way that they can play intelligently, smartly and fearlessly."

"I am aware this will require a change in the dressing room culture but if we have to compete consistently at the highest level, we have to embrace these modern day requirements."

Rashid excited to lead Afghans

AFP ■ CHITTAGONG

Afghanistan's spin prodigy Rashid Khan faces a tough challenge as he captains his side for the first time against Bangladesh in only his war-torn country's third Test starting today.

The leg-spinner was named skipper for all three formats after their dire World Cup campaign when they lost all nine matches and were dogged by several controversies.

The Indian Premier League (IPL) star will become the youngest ever Test captain at the age of 20 years 350 days when he steps out in the Test match at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chittagong.

He will overtake Zimbabwe's Tendata Taibu, who made his debut as Test captain just eight days older than Rashid against Sri Lanka at Harare in 2004.

"(I am) pretty excited. It is a new role to be a captain of the team and will try my best to be positive and enjoy the game," Rashid told reporters after the arrival of his team in

Chittagong.

Two Test old Afghans will be up against a side who have won five of their last 10 Tests at home, including one each against England and Australia.

Bangladesh are expected to field a spin-heavy attack against the visitors for the one-off Test.

